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Three Israel, cop and private property hating Mamdanites win Democrat Congressional primaries

THE HATEFUL SLATE

In a stunning takeover of the Democratic Party, three socialist candidates backed by Mayor Mamdani won their primaries last night — Claire Valdez, Brad Lander and Darializa Avila Chevalier (above), who upset incumbent Adriano Espaillat, the head of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. All three candidates share a hatred of the police and ran virulent anti-Israel campaigns.

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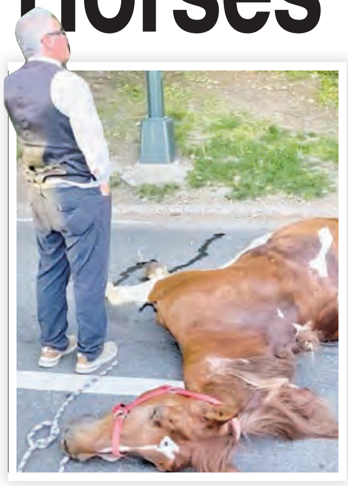
Horses have scars, sore legs: vet



WHOA-BEGONE: Carriages like this one were back in Central Park on Tuesday, a week after a tourist was killed by a runaway horse. Another animal collapsed and died two weeks ago (left).

Luiz C. Ribeiro; Edita Birnkrant

‘Park carriage trade is sick’

By NICOLE ROSENTHAL

A city-hired veterinarian has uncovered concerning conditions inside Central Park's stables, including cramped quarters, skin lesions and swollen limbs, a report revealed Tuesday, as the carriage horses returned to work after a week layoff due to the death of a passenger.

The vet's report, obtained by animal activists through a Freedom of Information request and reviewed by The Post, contained the findings from surprise visits made to the Manhattan stables in December.

Dr. Kraig Kulikowski, hired by the city under then-Mayor Eric Adams, reported he found at least a dozen horses showing “abnormalities or concerns,” such as scarring and lesions caused by too-tight harnesses, negligent dental care and housing in too-small stables.

‘Majority had scars’

Nine of 12 horses inspected by the vet had scarring, and seven had “unsound” dental issues, states the report, obtained by New Yorkers for Clean, Livable, and Safe Streets.

“The overwhelming majority of the horses I examined had scars on their back,” Kulikowski wrote. “While the scars were currently healed and not going to impact the horses on that day, at some point all of those horses with scars had improperly-fitting tack that caused trauma to the horses' backs.”

One horse, Sophia, was recommended to have a “complete lameness work-up” due to apparent painful and enlarged soft tissue, although her owner, and all others, refused basic trotting and bloodwork tests, according to Kulikowski.

“[The owner] demonstrated no concern with the fact that Sophia was obviously sore on both hind legs,” Kulikowski wrote.

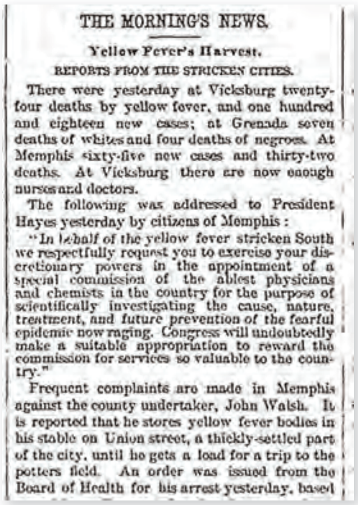
John Samuelsen, the president of TWU Local 100, the labor union that represents the carriage-horse drivers, alleged that Kulikowski was biased against the industry.

“This was a malicious ninth-inning attempt by Mastro to destroy the horse-carriage industry,” Samuelsen said in a Tuesday statement, referring to the former Adams Deputy Mayor Randy Mastro.

“It's outrageous, shameful, and yet another example of abuse of power and corruption in the Adams administration. The Department of Investigations and Conflicts of Interest Board definitely should investigate.”

Mayor Mamdani has been facing political pressure to crack down on the industry following the death of 18-year-old tourist Romanch Mahajan on June 17 when a startled carriage horse took off with him and his family.

TWU Local 100 paused passenger rides following the tragedy.



THE MORNING'S NEWS.

Yellow Fever's Harvest.

REPORTS FROM THE STRICKEN CITIES.

There were yesterday at Vicksburg twenty-four deaths by yellow fever, and one hundred and eighteen new cases; at Grenada seven deaths of whites and four deaths of negroes. At Memphis sixty-five new cases and thirty-two deaths. At Vicksburg there are now enough nurses and doctors.

The following was addressed to President Hayes yesterday by citizens of Memphis:

“In behalf of the yellow fever stricken South we respectfully request you to exercise your discretionary powers in the appointment of a special commission of the ablest physicians and chemists in the country for the purpose of scientifically investigating the cause, nature, treatment, and future prevention of the fearful epidemic now raging. Congress will undoubtedly make a suitable appropriation to reward the commission for services so valuable to the country.”

Frequent complaints are made in Memphis against the county undertaker, John Walsh. It is reported that he stores yellow fever bodies in his stable on Union street, a thickly-settled part of the city, until he gets a load for a trip to the potters field. An order was issued from the Board of Health for his arrest yesterday, based

Plague of yellow fever

The Post is counting down to America's 250th birthday with a look back at the nation's — and the paper's — history. Every day leading up to the big event on July 4, we're publishing notable covers and stories from our archives:

The yellow fever epidemic
Aug. 28, 1878

Happy 250th, USA!

“Yellow Fever's Harvest: Reports from the Stricken Cities,” read a front page headline reporting on a growing epidemic in the South.

In Vicksburg, Miss., the day prior, there had been four deaths and 118 new cases; in Grenada, Miss., 11 deaths; and in Memphis, 65 new cases and 32 deaths.

“Frequent reports are made in Memphis against the county undertaker, John Walsh,” the Evening Post noted.

“It is reported that he stores yellow fever bodies in his stable on Union street, a thickly settled part of the city, until he gets a load for a trip to the potters field.”

The Mississippi Valley would ultimately see 120,000 cases of yellow fever and some 20,000 deaths. *Hailey Eber*

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Ancient Egypt's rite stuff

It was a find of biblical proportions.

Archaeologists have unearthed a treasure trove of funerary artifacts in Egypt that could potentially shed light on life and death in Heliopolis, the ancient metropolis mentioned in the Story of Joseph in the Bible.

The discovery, announced last month by Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, was made within the Heliopolis necropolis at the Panhesy tomb site in Ain Shams, Cairo.

Officials didn't provide a date for the artifacts, but the ancient burial ground was used to inter prominent people from eras spanning Egypt's late period (from 664 BC to 332 BC) all the way to the Christian period.

Highlights of the haul included five pairs of solid-gold earrings, two light-blue faience vessels and amulets modeled after everything from a duck to an Atef Crown, an Egyptian headdress associated with Osiris, the God Of The Dead.

The Minister of Tourism and Antiquities hopes the finds will "provide deeper insight into the daily life and funerary practices" in the city of Heliopolis, it said in a statement. *Ben Cost*

Poignant NHL scion

The sister of hockey players Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau, killed by a drunken driver in 2024, announced the birth of her son — and decided to honor Matthew through the newborn's name.

Matthew Guy Joyce, the couple's first child, was born Saturday, Katie Gaudreau-Joyce announced in a heartfelt post on Instagram.

"The moment our hearts grew bigger than we ever imagined. Welcome to the world, sweet boy," she wrote.

Gaudreau-Joyce married Devin Joyce in July 2025, 11 months after their wedding was originally canceled following the sudden deaths of her two brothers the day before. *Zoe Hussain*

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Charli oh so hot in Paris

With temps approaching triple digits in the City of Light, Charli XCX gives fans another reason to pant at Paris Fashion Week Tuesday in a cherry red "lingerie" leather minidress with lace bodice.

'GRAY' DIVORCE RISING

Boomer, Gen X splits

By ALEX OLIVEIRA

Americans age 50 and older are getting divorced more than ever, with almost half of all broken marriages in recent years coming from aging Gen Xers and Baby Boomers.

Nearly 40% of all divorces nationwide are among couples 50 years and older — separations known as "gray divorces." The alarming rate has held steady since the pandemic, but followed about four decades of increases.

Gray divorces doubled between 1990 and 2010, until they comprised about one in four of all divorces nationally and then climbed to today's four-in-10 rate, according to the New York Times.

And although divorce has been dropping in most age groups across America, it has not among people 50 years and older.

Experts have given a variety of explanations for this phenomenon, including longer lifespans, people marrying older, "empty nester" syndrome, and even wives being less tolerant of insensitive spouses after menopause.

Michael Stutman, a top New York City divorce lawyer, thinks a "popular culture" shift around modern marriage expectations, coupled with staring down the barrel of mortality, could be playing a part.

"The thing about people who are over 50 is that they're getting cognizant that the fuel gauge is starting to go down to empty," Stutman told The Post. "And there's one thing money can't buy, which is time.

"People finally realize that if they're starting to drain the second half of the tank, if they have bucket list items or a wish list or whatever, they don't want to spend the limited time that they may have left investing in something that they feel will not give them an appropriate rate of return."

Later nuptials

Another possible motivator could be a societal shift towards getting married later.

People are increasingly getting hitched in their 30s or 40s, instead of the old norm of marriage in people's 20s — which Stutman said would naturally affect the age people are if their marriages fall apart.

"So if you believe there's some inherent process that goes on in a marriage that leads people to end it after their children are in college, or if there's a 15- or 20-year-old lifetime — their first marriages are 20 years old by the time they're 50, as opposed to when it would have been maybe 40," he said.

But the gray divorce rates don't mean romance is over for the silver-haired. About 14% of Americans in their 60s have hit up the dating apps, according to a 2023 Pew Research Center survey.

Bad *new* days in NYC: poll

They've gone sour on the Big Apple.

A whopping 63% of New Yorkers think Gotham has lost its standing as the greatest city in the world, according to a stunning new poll released Tuesday.

Only 29% of those polled said the city is still No. 1 while 8% had no opinion, according to a the Honan Strategy Group's 5 Borough Barometer survey of 614 likely voters.

"It's very surprising," said Bradley Honan, CEO of Honan Strategy Group, as to why New Yorkers are sleeping on the City That Never Sleeps.

He noted that most of the poll's interviews were conducted after the Knicks' first basketball championship since 1973, which generated an eruption of joy and feel-good vibes among local fans.

"It's not about boosterism," Honan said. "It's a reflection that life in the Big Apple is not what they expected it to be. They are struggling to make ends meet."

"That is a striking signal of civic malaise beneath the surface of a city that still draws millions."

The low score came amid civil war within the city Democratic Party.

A prior Honan Strategy survey found many rank-and-file Democrats disgusted with their party leadership and incumbents — and many candidates back by Mayor Mamdani were poised to win primary challenges Tuesday.

Financial stress and quality of life are the most pressing issues among voters, the poll found.

"The numbers paint a city that's gotten more expensive to live in, and voters know it," Honan said.

Half of all voters, 50%, say cost of living and affordability is the single biggest issue facing the city, dwarfing crime, education and everything else combined.

Carl Campanile

LATEST LURCH

3 of his endorsed radicals win House primaries

By CRAIG McCARTHY, MARIE POHL and MATT TROUTMAN

AP

STATE OF HATE: Darializa Avila Chevalier (left), whose past hateful statements against mainstream Dems drew alarm, campaigns on Election Day with open antisemite Hasan Piker, before she won her primary. Meanwhile, supporters of fellow lefty Claire Valdez rejoice Tuesday night, while Mayor Mamdani hugs endorsee and former City Comptroller Brad Lander, who took his own contest in a bid to win a US House seat.

The Zo-mentum is real.

Socialist Mayor Mamdani's far-left slate of Big Apple congressional hopefuls prevailed in Tuesday's Democratic primary — with firebrand Darializa Avila Chevalier projected to pull off an AOC-style upset.

Former city Comptroller Brad Lander and state Assemblywoman Claire Valdez were quickly projected by The Associated Press and NY1 to win against their establishment Democrat opponents.

Avila Chevalier held a razor-thin 49.3%-to-46% lead over Rep. Adriano Espaillat with 86% of votes counted late Tuesday, leading the five-term incumbent to concede.

The projected win by Avila Chevalier and the congressional race victories — coupled with a likely clean sweep of Democratic Socialists of America candidates in state races — signaled Mamdani could expand his socialist wave beyond New York City to Washington, DC.

"This is a moment when voters have the opportunity to vote in who would be a partner in fulfilling the affordability agenda," Mamdani said earlier Tuesday as he stumped for Lander.

Echoes of AOC

The win by Avila Chevalier over Espaillat in New York's 13th House District echoed the stunning 2018 victory by fellow DSA diehard Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over Democratic fixture Joe Crowley.

Mamdani endorsed Avila Chevalier, Lander and Valdez with the explicit promise that the lefty candidates would advance his "affordability agenda" in DC.

Just two members of Congress — Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) — are DSA members. The primary victories by Avila Chevalier and Valdez, in the 7th House District, put two closer to Congress — a fact not lost on supporters.

"DSA! DSA!" chants erupted at Valdez's victory party in East Williamsburg.

The candidates hold a slew of far-left views that were once fringe within the Democratic Party.

Valdez and Avila Chevalier both campaigned on their staunch opposition to Israel — labeling the Jewish state's actions in Gaza a genocide — and on pushing their pro-Palestinian values. Like Mamdani, the pair called for a full divestment of stakes in Israeli companies and cutting off of any sales of US arms to its Middle East ally.

Valdez also echoed the Mamdani administration's radical housing platform, pushing for the seizure of property from bad landlords.

All three also want to abolish ICE, and Avila Chevalier, a community organizer and doctoral candidate, has even said she doesn't believe foreign criminals should be deported.

Lander, for his part, isn't a DSA member but scored Mamdani's backing by hitching his political wagon to the socialist after their chummy rivalry in last year's mayoral primary.

Over a decades-long career in NYC politics, the former city comptroller and Brooklyn councilman established himself as an outspoken progressive advocate.

He became even more vocally leftist after embracing Mamdani,

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LEFT IN MAM'S NY

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS
of America
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AP

telling CNN as the race for the 10th House District was called in his favor that the US needs to "reset" its relationship with Israel.

"We shouldn't be taking corporate PAC money from Wall Street and crypto and AI and AIPAC," he said.

"We've got to fight harder for working families and have people see us fighting for them, and we have to reset the US relationship with Israel."

Lander has been critical of the Jewish state, and the issue became central as he challenged incumbent two-term Rep. Dan Goldman to represent Lower Manhattan and western Brooklyn.

While the trio of endorsements and victories drew cheers from Mamdani's DSA pals, he ruffled feathers among establishment Dems and even his allies in the progressive Working Families Party.

Mamdani's endorsement of Valdez, a one-term Queens state assemblywoman, managed to tick off the retiring Rep. Nydia Velázquez.

Velázquez had backed Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso to succeed her in the district covering parts of Brooklyn and Queens.

Reynoso had backed Mamdani's mayoral run. But unlike the mayor he wasn't part of the DSA.

Avila Chevalier proved a particularly problematic choice, in part because Mamdani endorsed her over Espaillat in the district representing upper Manhattan and the western Bronx.

Mamdani fueled fears he was elevating a dangerous radical after Avila Chevalier's trail of past inflammatory social media posts — including lashing out at Joe Biden, calling the US "a f--kng disgrace" and contending that Israel doesn't exist — came to light. Avila Chevalier apologized for the posts.

Additional reporting by Haley Brown, Hannah Fierick and Kevin Sheehan

'Blue' York socialist red

7 move one step closer

By VAUGHN GOLDEN

The deep-blue Empire State got hit by a socialist red wave Tuesday.

Nearly all DSA candidates were poised to best incumbent and establishment Democrats in state legislative primary races.

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Seven of the eight Democratic Socialists of America-endorsed candidates were set to win their primary elections — boosting the lefty group's numbers to 14 from nine in Albany.

If Tuesday's results hold — and the likely victors succeed in the November general election — the DSA will hold four seats in the 63-seat state Senate and 10 districts in the 150-seat state Assembly.

Republicans currently hold 22 state Senate seats and 47 districts in the Assembly.

Three incumbent Democrats in Brooklyn and Queens' "commie corridor" lost to DSA insurgents, including Assemblyman Erik Dilan (D-Brooklyn), Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman (D-Brooklyn) and Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-Brooklyn), according to early vote totals.

Dilan was sent into early retirement by Christian Celeste Tate, a nonprofit employee and activist who carried the working families party's backing along with the DSA's, and racked up 62% of the vote with 99% of precincts reporting.

Repeat socialist challenger Eon Huntley defeated Zinerman, with 58% of the vote and 98% of precincts reporting.

David Orkin, a lefty attorney and union organizer, ousted Rajkumar, with 59% of the vote after 99% of precincts had reported.

Harlem Assemblyman Jordan Wright (D-Manhattan) was the only incumbent Assembly member who appeared to survive a DSA-endorsed challenge.

Upstate vet vs. Lawler

A US Army veteran who worked in the Department of Homeland Security during the Biden administration won a crowded Democratic primary Tuesday and will take on Republican Rep. Mike Lawler in the general election.

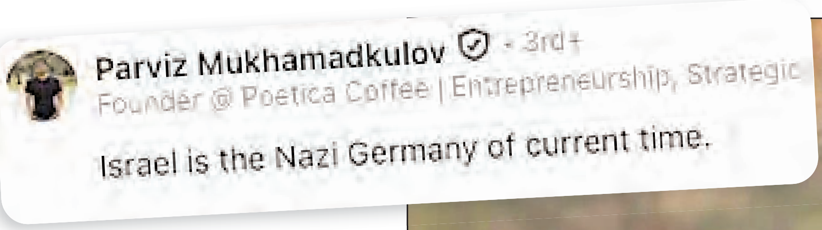
Cait Conley received 7,462 votes, or more than 52%, as of 9:50 p.m., with 37% of ballots counted, enough to secure her victory in what was effectively a three-way race between her Beth Davidson and Effie Phillips-Staley, according to The Associated Press.

Her win sets up a key Hudson Valley battleground race as Dems take aim at Lawler, a two-term incumbent congressman in a seat insiders view as one of the party's best pickup opportunities in New York in this year's midterm elections.

Conley previously worked in cybersecurity in DHS before moving back to the 17th Congressional District to run for congress. *Vaughn Golden*

Zo not talking ‘shop’

Anti-Israel mayor won’t roast bigoted coffee biz



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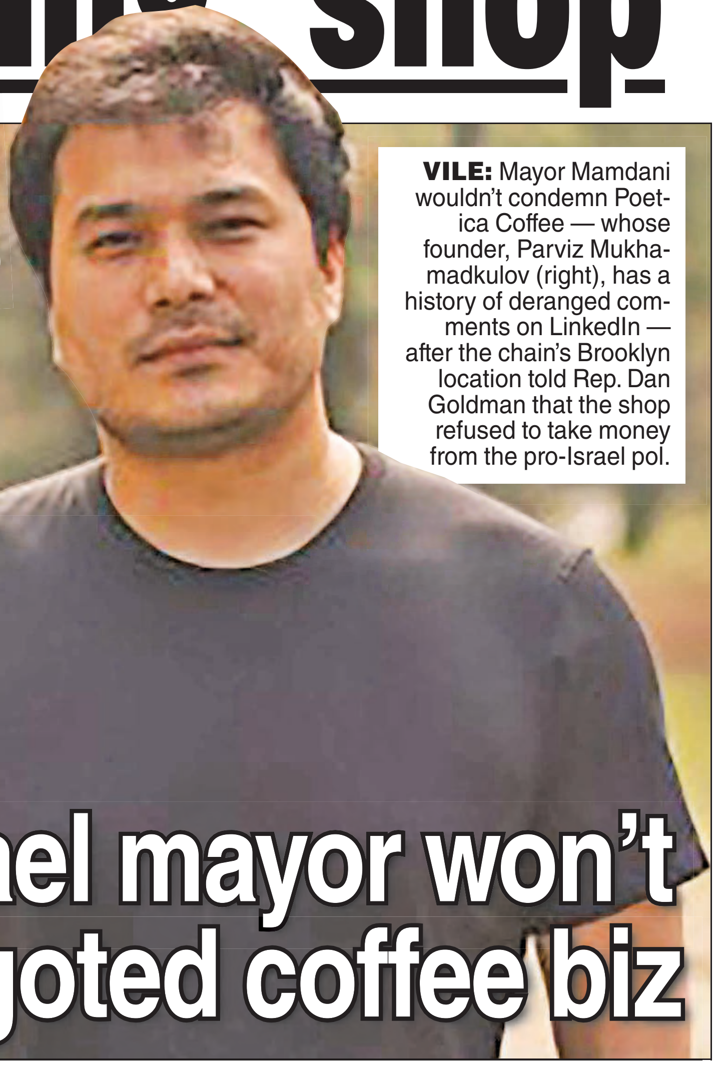


VILE: Mayor Mamdani wouldn’t condemn Poetica Coffee — whose founder, Parviz Mukhamadkulov (right), has a history of deranged comments on LinkedIn — after the chain’s Brooklyn location told Rep. Dan Goldman that the shop refused to take money from the pro-Israel pol.

Facebook/Poetica Coffee/LinkedIn/Parviz Mukhamadkulov/Shutterstock

By CRAIG McCARTHY,
KEVIN SHEEHAN,
CHRIS NESI and ANNA YOUNG

Mayor Mamdani offered a tepid non-response Tuesday about the New York City coffee shop that publicly ripped Rep. Dan Goldman over his pro-Israel views.

Mamdani, as he was out stumping for far-left congressional candidates, was pressed by a reporter on Poetica Coffee’s screed lumping Goldman in with “racists, fascists, homophobes” and saying it would have refused to serve him over his support for Israel.

“I have many political disagreements with Congressman Goldman when it comes to his votes and his views on Israel,” Mamdani, a critic of the Jewish state, said when asked if the diatribe was an “OK way for someone to express political disagreements.”

“What we saw online goes beyond that,” he added.

‘AIPAC money’

The coffee shop sparked controversy when it posted a photo of Goldman — who on Tuesday lost a primary race to Mamdani-endorsed candidate Brad Lander — at its Park Slope location, revealing it issued him an unasked-for $9.82 refund.

“Hey Congressman Dan Goldman, we see that you stopped by our shop today for a coffee. Do you see how it doesn’t taste like genocide juice? Or are you still having a hard time telling the difference?” Poetica wrote on its Facebook page.

“See, here at Poetica, we don’t serve racists, fascists, homophobes, genocide enablers, or anyone in between. Too bad we didn’t recognize you right away, or we would have turned you away. We issued you a refund — we don’t need your money (it’s probably coming from AIPAC anyways).

“Enjoy your loss on Tuesday. Don’t ever come to Poetica.”

Goldman responded to the petty diss by pointing out he bought a coffee out of courtesy for the shop allowing his 7-year-old daughter to use the restroom.

The Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division has since said it opened an investigation into the incident, and warned that an enforcement action could be coming.

“Federal law prohibits public accommodations such as coffee shops from discriminating against patrons based on their race, religion, or national origin,” Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Harmeet Dhillon posted on X. “These actions are not only reprehensible, they’re potentially illegal.”

The vile social media posting flew in the face of the coffee shop’s purported ethos that it treats all people with “unconditional dignity,” according to the mission statement on its website.

“Whoever walks through the door is treated with unconditional dignity,” the welcoming statement reads. “Not as a customer. Not as a transaction. As someone who arrived and deserves to be welcomed.”

Poetica’s CEO and founder, Parviz Mukhamadkulov, has a history of deranged anti-Israel LinkedIn posts, including accusing the Jewish state of genocide and comparing it to Nazi Germany.

He regularly engages in comment threads under posts about Israel or the horrors committed by Hamas, in which he justifies the terror group’s atrocities of Oct. 7, 2023.

“Israel is the Nazi Germany of current time,” he wrote in response to a video posted by UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

IDF: Al Jazeera journo a sniper

The Al Jazeera cameraman who was killed in Gaza and mourned by Mayor Mamdani was a Hamas sniper, the Israel Defense Forces is alleging.

The IDF accused Ahmed Wishah, who was killed in an airstrike Saturday, of being “a terrorist in Hamas’ military wing who served as a sniper operative,” BBC reported.

“In recent months, he advanced sniper attack plans and worked alongside his brother, Muhammad Samir Muhammad Washah, a key terrorist in Hamas’ rocket and weapons production headquarters, who also operated under the guise of an Al Jazeera journalist and was eliminated in April,” the IDF said.

The IDF also images of what appears to be Wishah holding an automatic weapons with a scope, along with his alleged Hamas military ID.

Al Jazeera, which has faced repeated accusations from the IDF that its journalists are linked with extremist groups, denied the “baseless” allegation and condemned the strike.

“These attempts deceive no one and cannot obscure the truth witnessed by the world,” the outlet said.

The outlet warned Saturday that it would “take every available legal measure to prosecute the perpetrators.”

Colleagues described Wishah as “a kind, gentle and deeply principled person,” Al Jazeera reported.

Mamdani invoked the cameraman’s death when he was grilled after branding the American Israel Public Affairs Committee as “monsters.”

“Even an Al Jazeera journalist, Ahmed Wishah, was killed this past Saturday by an Israeli strike,” he said.

City Hall didn’t return a request for comment Tuesday.

Ronny Reyes and Craig McCarthy

Watchdog wants DOJ probe

A Jewish civil-rights group is urging the Justice Department to investigate Mayor Mamdani and his administration for alleged “discriminatory failure to protect Jewish residents from antisemitic hate” crimes.

The bombshell accusations from the National Jewish Advocacy Center come two days after the Poetica Coffee shop in Brooklyn told pro-Israel Jewish Rep. Dan Goldman never to enter the eatery again, claiming it doesn’t serve “genocdial enablers.”

“The National Jewish Advocacy Center writes to request that the Civil Rights Division open an investigation, under its pattern-or-practice authority . . . into whether the city of New York and the New York City Police Department are denying Jewish New Yorkers the equal protection of the laws by failing to protect them against a documented and severe wave of antisemitic violence,” said the letter signed by NJAC CEO Mark Goldfeder and staff lawyers.

The referral claims the mayor’s own decisions and words have contributed to discrimination against Jews.

Carl Campanile

CHIRAYU RANA
Eyes refile in federal court.

JPMorgan fights nix of sex suit

Ex-JPMorgan banker Chirayu Rana wants to withdraw his "sex slave" lawsuit against the bank and a female supervisor — but the bank is fighting to stop him from dropping his claims.

Rana must answer for the "materially false" claims, JPMorgan said in court documents filed last week.

The defense doesn't want Rana to be able to nix the Manhattan Supreme Court lawsuit and refile the claims in federal court.

Attorneys for JPMorgan and bank bigwig Lorna Hajdini tore into Rana's frantic attempt to pull the plug as "blatant forum shopping."

Rana has claimed he was drugged and made a sex slave by Hajdini, which the defendants have denied.

Rana's lawyers hit back on Monday.

"It is a familiar playbook used by defendants," attorney Jon Norinsberg wrote, "attack the survivor, distract from the allegations, and portray themselves as the victim." *Peter Senzamici*

Near-crash at Boston airport

Air traffic controllers at Boston Logan Airport frantically scrambled to avoid a near miss as two passenger planes came within 300 feet of each other over the weekend.

A Delta Air Lines plane was forced to perform a go-around just moments from landing Saturday to avoid smashing into an American Airlines jet, which was taking off down the runway.

Aviation experts estimated the planes were just 300 feet from each other.

Chris Bradford,
With Wires

Poor Bill IDs gals in Ep 'blackmail'

HONEYPOT 'GATES' HELL

ZUMA Press

TRYSTS: Bill Gates testified that Jeffrey Epstein had plans to blackmail him over his affairs with bridge player Mila Antonova (below) and the nuclear scientist Karima Nigmatulina (left).

IgniteNYC/YouTube

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Microsoft founder Bill Gates revealed in a congressional interview the identities of the two Russian women with whom he had affairs — which notorious sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein later tried to "blackmail" him over, according to a transcript released Tuesday.

Gates was grilled before the House Oversight Committee on June 10 about Epstein's "attempt to blackmail" him over the infidelities — which the billionaire's wife, Melinda French Gates, also learned about at the time — and which he confessed to employees at his philanthropic foundation earlier this year.

Gates testified that Epstein had accurately discovered he had been involved in two affairs with Russian women: the bridge player Mila Antonova and the nuclear scientist Karima Nigmatulina.

The attempt to gain "leverage" over Gates was revealed in a July 18, 2013, email published in January by the Department of Justice that Epstein had drafted, on behalf of Boris Nikolic, who was preparing to depart as Gates' science adviser.

'Facts and falsities'

"Though it was kindly suggested that I make a transition to a new position after my 6 years of service and that Bill would, in his words, give me a generous package, I feel it would be dishonest to myself and my future from helping Bill to get drugs in order to deal with consequences of sex with Russian girls, to facilitating his illicit trysts with married women, to being asked to provide Adderall for bridge tournaments," the draft email stated.

The philanthropist described the draft email as an "attempt at blackmail," while at other points he downplayed the extent to which he had been almost blackmailed.

"Who knows if he ever sent it to Dr. Nikolic, but it looks like he's musing on using a mixture of facts and falsities as an effort, almost like a blackmail, to advance some goal in improving Dr. Nikolic's negotiating position as part of his exit from my employ," Gates told Oversight lawmakers and staff.

Gates also described subsequent efforts by Epstein to get him to pay for expenses the financier incurred on behalf of Antonova as "either blackmail or attempt to reestablish a relationship with me."

"He never blackmailed me, but looking at these emails, it raises a serious probability that he contemplated blackmailing me," he said.

Gates again denied all knowledge of the deceased pedophile's criminal conduct but admitted associating with Epstein to further his global philanthropic goals between 2011 and 2014.

In February, the Microsoft founder confessed to employees at the Gates Foundation that he engaged in two extramarital affairs.

Working for a 'monster'

The committee also released a transcript of testimony from Epstein's longtime executive assistant, Lesley Groff, who said she arranged massages for her boss "almost daily" but denied any knowledge that the masseuses were underage or being sexually abused.

"To me, the few minutes it took to arrange massages for Mr. Epstein were just part of his routine, like going to the gym was for some people," Groff said.

"I want to say without any doubt that I have come to believe the man who employed me from February of 2001 through July of 2019 was a monster," she explained. "For 18 years, I worked for Dr. Jekyll, but was never permitted to see the true Mr. Hyde.

"Mr. Epstein was, in hindsight, a master manipulator and deceiver who separated his legitimate life from his secret life as an abuser and made sure that, as his secretary, those two worlds did not collide."

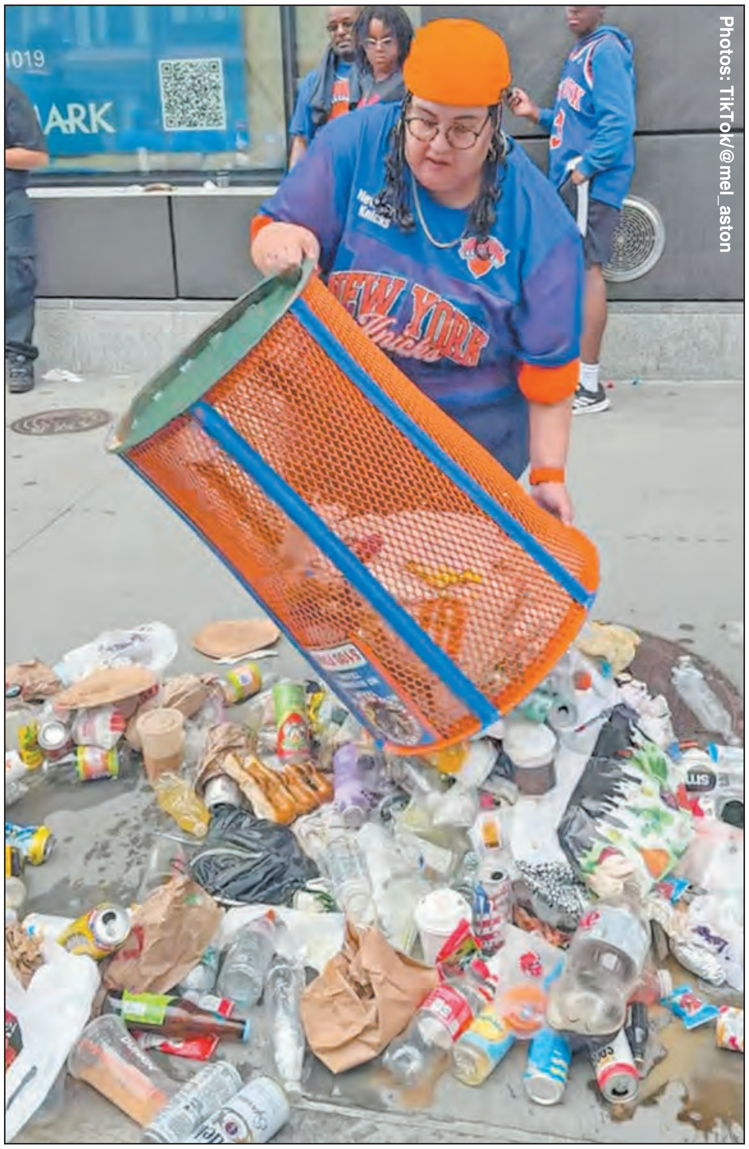
Groff testified that while she set up "sporadic" calls between Epstein and President Trump — about "once a quarter" — she never arranged any other services, such as massages or travel aboard Epstein's private plane.

"Over time, there just were no more phone calls to Mr. Trump," she said.

TRASH GAL DUMPED

Loses bank job for her binsanity

By LYDIA MOYNIHAN



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DIRTY PLAY: Angie Báez was canned by JPMorgan for getting caught emptying and stealing a Knicks parade trash receptacle.

A woman caught on video emptying a blue-and-orange public trash can then stealing it during the city's Knicks championship parade was a director at JPMorgan Chase who was fired Tuesday over the incident, The Post has learned.

Angie Báez, 40, was promoted to executive director of community and industry engagement for card and connected commerce at JPMorgan Chase more than a year ago, says her LinkedIn profile.

She previously served as executive director of diversity, equity and inclusion at New York-based review website The Infatuation, which Chase acquired as part of its broader push into lifestyle and experiential content.

Sources say the bank looked into the incident after the video went viral and a bank spokesperson told The Post: "This employee is no longer with the company."

Báez could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Sources said she had attended the parade in her personal capacity.

Clips that surfaced over the weekend show Báez dressed in Knicks gear, dumping the contents of a limited-edition blue-and-orange trash can onto a Manhattan sidewalk before walking off with the bin. Later footage shows her riding the subway with it.

In a bio on The Infatuation's website, Báez is described as someone whose "dedication to making a positive impact shines through in every aspect of her work." The publication adds that "Angie's efforts have helped position [The Infatuation] as a trailblazer in the pursuit of a more equitable and relatable food media industry," calling her one of the "brightest voices" in the space.

The bio also described Báez as "a vibrant mosaic of Dominican heritage, Bronx roots and a passion for storytelling, creativity and culture."

Báez also appears to have co-founded a queer and black, indigenous and people of color-owned talent agency, Same Page Co., which is "focused on increasing representation and equity in media and industry. It works with artists/talent on creative projects, photo shoots, strategy and business affairs."

Same Page Co. did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Post.

Earlier in her career, Báez worked as diversity and inclusion program lead at Squarespace and held diversity & inclusion roles at Saks Fifth Avenue, Hudson's Bay and Saks Off 5th, according to another online biography.

Under New York City law, theft of property valued under $1,000 is typically charged as petit larceny, a Class A misdemeanor. Penalties are usually a fine, summons, or community service for first-time offenders. The littering that accompanied the theft could bring additional penalties.

"Dumping trash onto the street and stealing public property for your own personal use are both illegal, antisocial behaviors, and not what New Yorkers do. On top of all that, doing both on camera is incredibly stupid," the New York City Department of Sanitation told The Post.

The NYPD said it had not received any complaints related to the incident and Báez has not been charged with a crime.

Teen busted in runover of NYPD sgt.

A teen driver was arrested Tuesday for allegedly striking an NYPD sergeant with a stolen car during a multi-borough chase that ended with him being shot by an officer over the weekend.

Jayden Mendoza, 18, was charged with attempted murder for allegedly plowing into several officers after cops surrounded the vehicle in The Bronx on Sunday evening, according to the NYPD.

At around 5:35 p.m., authorities received an alert from a license plate reader indicating that the a Kia Sport with New Jersey plates, which had been stolen Saturday, was traveling through Washington Heights.

Police tailed the car into The Bronx, where it stopped on East Fordham Road, Aneudy Castillo, commanding officer of Patrol Borough Bronx North, said Sunday night.

The car was surrounded and cops who pleaded with Mendoza to get out. Instead, he tried to drive off, hitting an unmarked police car and several officers, before striking a sergeant, sending him flying, cops said.

A cop then shot Mendoza as he tried to drive into more officers, police said. Mendoza was hospitalized.

Angel Robles, 20, Mendoza's passenger who hopped out of the Kia before it was pulled over, was charged Monday with possession of a loaded firearm.

Amanda Woods and Zoe Hussain

'NYCHA mice bit my kids'

A Manhattan mother is suing the New York City Housing Authority after her two children were bitten by mice inside their Lower East Side apartment.

In the suit filed Friday in Manhattan Supreme Court just before the statute of limitations for cases against NYCHA ran out Sunday, Doris Montalvo claims it had been put on notice about a rodent infestation at 38 Rutgers St. but refused to act, leaving her family trapped in what the complaint describes as a "dangerous, unsafe, uninhabitable condition."

NYCHA is accused of permitting rodents and vermin to remain on the premises "for an unreasonable length of time" after being notified of the problem.

Both children suffered injuries when mice attacked them inside the apartment on March 23, 2025. As a result, the children suffered "permanent" injuries and were rendered unable to carry out their normal daily activities.

"The plaintiffs were rendered sick, sore, lame, suffered great pain, shock and anguish, both internally and externally, and . . . been permanently injured," the complaint states.

NYCHA declined to comment. *Mary K. Jacob*

Man blown away in Bx.

A young man was gunned down outside a residential building in The Bronx on Monday evening, according to authorities.

The 21-year-old man was discovered with a gunshot wound to his head on East 187th Street between Webster and Park avenues just before 7 p.m., according to the NYPD.

Emergency responders rushed to the scene and brought the unidentified man to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, cops said.

Blood was on the sidewalk Monday night.

No arrest had been made as of Tuesday. *Zoe Hussain*

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STOP! Oren David Shachar allegedly used scam money for a Rolls-Royce (inset).

Toby Canham

LA racket 'bank Rolls' luxe lifestyle

By BEN CHAPMAN

Federal agents pounced on a slew of alleged medical fraudsters accused of massive schemes in Los Angeles — including a $27 million plot to steal the identities of dead people — as part of a national takedown by acting Attorney General Todd Blanche in Washington, DC.

Authorities arrested five people accused of stealing millions in taxpayer dollars and charged five others, including a Van Nuys hospice owner accused of swiping the identities of dead people to fund a flashy car collection including a $530,000 Rolls-Royce Phantom.

California epicenter

In a Tuesday press conference, Blanche announced multiple takedowns that charged hundreds of defendants nationwide.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. called out Los Angeles as a hive of hospice fraud, pointing out that federal authorities have closed down 800 hospices in LA alone.

"One of the ways that we've been able to detect that fraud is, that in many of them, the patients never die, they live forever," Kennedy said. "That's not supposed to happen in hospices."

The Post was there last week as federal agents swooped on Oren David Shachar, taking the owner of at least four hospices in the LA area into custody for an alleged series of elaborate schemes that involved stealing the identities of people to bill for hospice services.

Shachar allegedly funneled the money from his businesses to pay for luxury goods, including $15,000 taken directly from one of his hospices for the down payment on a lease-to-own Rolls-Royce Phantom, a car that carries a sticker price of nearly $530,000.

Shachar paid funeral-home workers Abraham Shin and Jeannie Choi for the personal information of dead people that he used to bill the government for hospice services that were never provided, paying between $1,000 and $3,000 for each deceased person's identity, prosecutors charge.

In total, federal prosecutors in the Central District of California have brought criminal charges against 10 defendants who've allegedly engaged in fraud against government-funded health programs or abused their positions as doctors to illegally prescribe controlled substances.

Shachar, 59, of Van Nuys, and Shin, 66, of Corona, were arrested on June 18 and arraigned in US District Court in LA.

Both accused crooks, along with Choi, 57, of Torrance, are charged in a 16-count indictment alleging that they ripped off Medicare for approximately $27 million.

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450 busted in $6.5B scam on Rx claims

By PRISCILLA DeGREGORY
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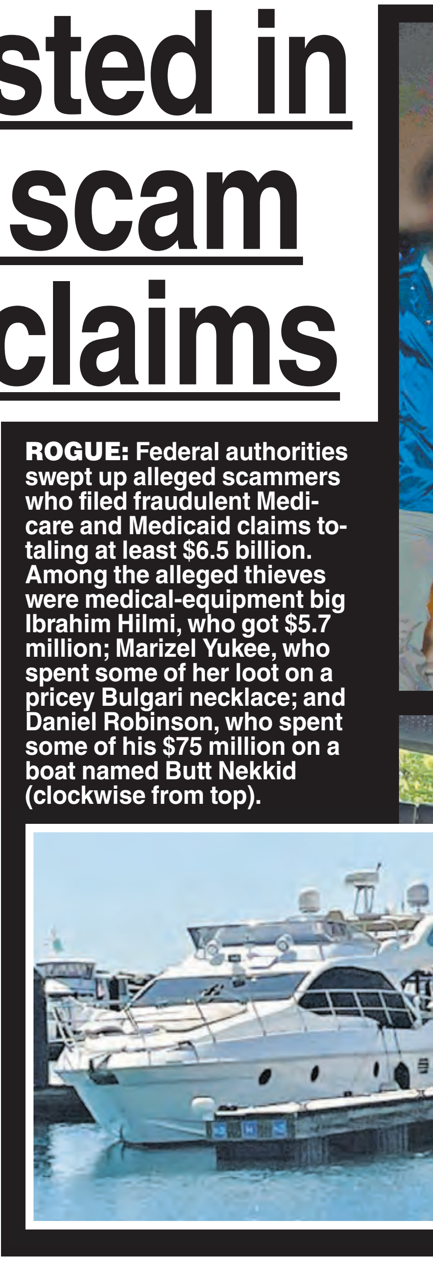

ROGUE: Federal authorities swept up alleged scammers who filed fraudulent Medicare and Medicaid claims totaling at least $6.5 billion. Among the alleged thieves were medical-equipment big Ibrahim Hilmi, who got $5.7 million; Marizel Yukee, who spent some of her loot on a pricey Bulgari necklace; and Daniel Robinson, who spent some of his $75 million on a boat named Butt Nekkid (clockwise from top).

More than 450 alleged fraudsters — including 90 doctors and medical professionals — were busted for bilking at least $6.5 billion in fake Medicare and Medicaid claims, with one greedy nurse splashing her ill-gotten gains on an $865,000 Bulgari necklace, $594,000 Ferrari and a $4.6 million Philippines beach resort, authorities said.

The crackdown, which spanned 45 US states and territories, was announced Tuesday by acting Attorney General Todd Blanche, who called it "the greatest combined federal and state effort combating healthcare fraud in history."

In total, 455 people were netted, including alleged con artists who blew the taxpayer funds meant to help the poorest Americans on luxury cars, jewelry, mansions, fine art, an NFL box and a yacht cheekily named "Butt Nekkid."

In one of the most egregious cases, a student-athlete in Florida died during basketball practice — after the doctor who was part of an $89 million fraud scheme signed off on his cardiovascular test after giving it only a cursory glance, the Department of Justice charged.

■ Texas nurse claims $906 million, buys Bulgari necklace and builds Philippines resort

A nurse in Texas was charged with billing Medicare for $1 million for each patient she applied unnecessary tissue grafts to, the feds alleged. Marizel Yukee, 49, of Las Vegas, was charged with fraudulently billing $906 million in claims for which she was paid $297 million.

She allegedly funneled the stolen funds to buy posh cars, real estate, jewelry and even built a $4.6 million beach resort in the Philippines, prosecutors claimed.

When she was arrested the feds seized $30 million from her bank accounts, $467,000 in cash, a $594,000 Ferrari 296 GTS, seven other luxury vehicles, an $865,000 custom Bulgari necklace and another million worth of jewelry, officials claimed.

Separately, three Florida nurses were busted for an $118 million tissue graft scheme. Leigh Tesar allegedly spent $215,000 on a luxury box suite at Raymond James Stadium, where the Tampa Bay Buccaneers play, according to a criminal indictment. She also allegedly spent $400,000 on fine art, according to the court papers.

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DAVID YURMAN
BOSS

■ Medical sales honcho allegedly pockets $24M, buys Maserati

The vice president of sales at a company that sold bioengineered skin substitutes allegedly carried out an illegal kickback scheme from 2021 to 2024, paying medical providers to push their product, prosecutors claim.

Brian Rowan, 47, of Las Vegas, made over $24 million at the company and bought multimillion-dollar homes, million-dollar life insurance policies and high-end watches and cars, including a $135,000 Maserati, the feds alleged. The Arizona-based company was pedaling amniotic wound grafts, which they purchased from a tissue banks and then sold at a 2,000% markup — or $1,450 per square centimeter, the feds said.

Rowan and other execs used 40% of their profits to payout kickbacks, officials alleged.

The scheme targeted hospice patients for the skin grafts, which would be applied without the consultation of their doctors, without protecting against infections — and sometimes applying them to superficial wounds that didn't require the grafts or to larger areas than needed, prosecutors claimed.

In total, he and his co-conspirators billed $1.2 billion for unnecessary allografts and were ultimately paid out $614 million, the feds allege.

Two others, Jeffrey King and Alexandra Gehrke, have previously been sentenced to 15.5 years and 14 years behind bars for their roles in the scheme, that netted them $97 million in cash, $21 million in life insurance policies and four luxury cars, including a Ferrari 488 Spider convertible and three Mercedes vehicles, the feds alleged.

■ Mental-health 'fraudster' sets up luxury car dealership, buys yacht named Butt Nekkid

One alleged fraudster in Illinois billed Medicaid for behavioral-health services for hundreds of hours a day — despite the fact he didn't have enough staff to justify it, the feds alleged.

Daniel Robinson, 51, of Palos Park, Ill., allegedly billed $67 million for counseling and therapy services that wouldn't have been realistic even if all of the providers at his company, ODA Solutions, worked 24 hours a day, according to a complaint.

His total claims were $92 million, and he received $75 million, according to docs. The money was diverted toward $44 million in investment accounts, $10 million to open up a luxury car dealership, $4 million to buy real estate and fund home renovations, court papers allege. He also allegedly owned a yacht named Butt Nekkid that was docked in Chicago, court papers show.

■ Student died as result of doc's $89M scheme: feds

A Texas doctor allegedly carried out an $89 million medical fraud scheme that ended with a student-athlete's death, the feds alleged.

Dr. Jason Finkelstein, 53, of Fort Worth, allegedly tested the hearts of student-athletes at campuses around the country, submitting $89 million in claims under his two companies, Cardiovascular Testing Services PA and Cardiovascular Healthcare Associates PA, the feds claimed.

Yet Finkelstein made up bogus conditions to justify the cardiac testing of the students and signing off on the results after only reviewing the for seconds, prosecutors claimed.

In October 2024, he allegedly claimed one student's results were "normal" even though the tests showed the student potentially had heart problems. The student died 24 days later of cardiac arrest during practice with his basketball team, the feds alleged.

■ Alleged Florida fraudster billed $3.76 billion, sends cash to Hong Kong, Indonesia

A Florida man allegedly ran two bogus medical supply companies and fraudulently billed Medicaid and Medicare for $3.76 billion, court papers allege.

Ibrahim Hilmi, 58, of Miami, billed for medical equipment and wound dressing that his companies, ABRH Car, and Sunshine Senior Solutions LLC, never provided, court papers alleged.

Most of the money he billed for was never paid out to him, but he did receive $5.7 million in his companies' accounts, according to a criminal indictment.

Lawyers for Tesar, Yukee, Gehrke, King, and Finkelstein didn't immediately return requests for comment Tuesday. It wasn't immediately known what lawyers were representing Rowan and Robinson.

Additional reporting by Ally Goelz

Commish, sea of blue as cop exits hosp

By JOE MARINO
and AMANDA WOODS

CHEERS FOR SHOT FINEST

Gregory P. Mango (2)

HERO: Detective Matthew Gale gets a heart-warming ovation Tuesday from his fellow NYPD officers as he leaves Brooklyn's Kings County Hospital Center — while Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch stopped by to give him a handshake and a hug (left).

The veteran Brooklyn detective who took a bullet during a standoff with an armed nut last week was greeted with a sweet hug from NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch as he was wheeled out of the hospital Tuesday.

Det. Matthew Gale, a 15-year veteran of the department's elite Emergency Service Unit, was escorted out of the Kings County Hospital Center while dozens of members of New York's Finest saluted and clapped, while bagpipes played.

Gale, sitting up in a stretcher and decked out in an NYPD cap and T-shirt with a white blanket over his legs, smiled and waved at onlookers in blue.

Moments before he was lifted inside an awaiting department vehicle, Tisch stood by his side and shook his hand before embracing him.

Gale was part of the specialized crew that responded to a two-story brownstone on Kosciuszko Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant on Friday morning after a maniac fired off multiple rounds during an apparent feud with an elderly couple who lived upstairs, cops said.

Deadly standoff

When the first-responding cops found the suspect, Lamin Simmons, 48, armed with a gun, they were forced to retreat outside, police said.

They narrowly avoided being pelted as Simmons — who barricaded himself in the building for hours — hurled a microwave and kitchenware into the backyard.

The ESU team, including Gale, soon took over — entering the home, where they found a still-armed Simmons at the top of the stairs, on the same floor as the senior citizens, authorities said.

Simmons refused to drop the weapon, despite multiple commands, before he opened fire, hitting Gale in the leg, police said.

The detective suffered a tibial fracture on his left leg and received treatment at the hospital, authorities said.

Four officers returned fire, hitting Simmons, who was rushed to another local hospital and pronounced dead, cops said.

"What happened this morning is a reminder that the men and women of the NYPD routinely place themselves between danger and the people they serve," Tisch said Friday.

"They enter situations that are uncertain, volatile, and often life-threatening," she said. "This morning, Det. Gale put his life on the line doing exactly that."

Outside the hospital Tuesday, Detectives' Endowment Association president Scott Munro described cops like Gale as "true heroes" who "fight the fight every day."

Meanwhile, he cautioned that something needs to be done to prevent "emotionally disturbed people" like the suspect from putting cops and everyday New Yorkers in danger.

"We have to do something about that," he said. "We have a lot of people, not just police officers, detectives getting hurt. We have civilians out there.

"We're going to have to work on that moving forward."

More fare pain on M-North

In the second big increase in less than a year, the Metro-North Railroad is hiking fares 5% on the New Haven line for trips to and from Connecticut.

The increase takes hold July 1 just as construction will close several stops in the Constitution State for the next 10 months.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation jacked up rates 5% last September.

State transportation officials said the hikes are necessary to close an approximately $11 million funding gap for rail operations and to avoid service cuts.

"As equipment, labor, and maintenance costs to operate these services continue to rise, fare adjustments were needed to sustain existing service levels and avoid reductions," a CTDOT spokesperson said.

But mere weeks after riders are forced to pay more for a train, many of them will be switched over to buses.

Metro North will suspend all train service on the Waterbury Branch starting July 20 for at least 10 months while Derby-Shelton, Ansonia, Beacon Falls and Seymour stations are made compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Haley Brown*

Officer hit on gun rap

An NYPD cop sued for allegedly sexually harassing a deaf coworker was charged Tuesday with pointing a gun at her, too.

Officer Quilbvio Espinal, 35, was arraigned on menacing charges in Manhattan Supreme Court for allegedly threatening civilian NYPD computer worker Megan Kwan with his weapon at police headquarters March 26.

Kwan, 25, who relies on hearing aids and lip-reading to communicate, recently sued Espinal, claiming she endured a campaign of sexual and racial harassment from him and Sgt. Jayson Valentin. *Greg Carlton*

Subway a-commode-ations improved

Toilet seats are now in city subway bathroom stalls after the MTA landed in deep doo-doo with its Inspector General's Office, which told it to get off the pot and install them.

"I'm pleased that New York City transit . . . is taking steps that will make these bathrooms easier to locate and more comfortable to use," said Inspector General Daniel Cort. "Small fixes — like adding toilet seats — can make a big difference in comfort and hygiene for riders."

After issuing a scathing report on the issue earlier this year, Cort's office said it recently found new black or white seats for toilets at the 161st Street-Yankee Stadium and Pelham Bay Park stations in The Bronx.

New commodes also have been installed in four Manhattan stations and eight Queens stations.

MTA/NYC Transit said in a response to the MTA IG's audit in February that it would "explore installing seats on existing toilets that can accommodate them without requiring retrofitting or significant structural modifications." *Carl Campanile*

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Zo zips lips on hate — it speaks volumes

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BREWHAHA: Mayor Mamdani gave a tepid response to a question about a Brooklyn coffee shop's online screed about pro-Israel Rep. Daniel Goldman.

Luiz C. Ribeiro

DUCKING a heated debate can be extremely revealing about a politician. Take the case of Mayor Mamdani's outrageous hide-and-seek reaction after a Brooklyn coffee shop taunted Rep. Daniel Goldman over his support for Israel and banned him from its Park Slope location.

The owner of Poetica Coffee, Parviz Mukhamadkulov, took to Instagram to write "Hey Congressman Dan Goldman, we see that you stopped by our shop today for a coffee. Do you see how it doesn't taste like genocide juice?" next to an image of the congressman at the shop's register.

The owner is a Hamas sympathizer who has justified the atrocities of Oct. 7, 2023, while calling "Israel the Nazi Germany of current time."

"See, here at Poetica, we don't serve racists, fascists, homophobes, genocide enablers, or anyone in between," his taunt of Goldman continued. "Too bad we didn't recognize you right away, or we would have turned you away."

He added that the shop had issued Goldman a refund, saying the money was "probably coming from AIPAC anyways."

Goldman's Democratic primary opponent, former city Comptroller Brad Lander, had the decency to condemn the shop's action, saying, "There are plenty of ways to lobby elected officials and express outrage without turning coffee shops into places people don't feel welcome."

Double standard

Mamdani, who endorsed Lander, sat out the fracas, until he finally opened his mouth Tuesday, only to say as close to nothing as is humanly possible.

Asked by a reporter whether he approved of the owner's conduct, the mayor said only, "I have many political disagreements with Congressman Goldman when it comes to his votes and his views on Israel. What we saw online goes beyond that."

Huh, that's it?

It is impossible to escape the conclusion that Mamdani won't condemn the owner's behavior because it aligns with his own bigotry. Despite getting an estimated one-third of Jewish votes last year, the mayor is seemingly on a quest to normalize Jew-hatred.

He says he will not visit Israel because he doesn't believe it should exist as the Jewish homeland. And last month he became the first mayor in six decades to skip the Israel Day Parade.

Moreover, he still refuses to condemn two chants often taken up by anti-Israel protesters.

One is a call to "globalize the intifada," and another is "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." Both effectively call for the elimination of Israel.

As such, it should not be a heavy lift for the mayor of the city with the world's largest Jewish population to rule them out of bounds.

But he won't do that, and also says he would arrest Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyhau if he set foot in the city. He cites as justification an indictment of the UN International Criminal Court, even though the United States does not recognize the court's jurisdiction.

Yet nothing reveals the mayor's double standard as much as imagining his reaction if the coffee shop had banned a Muslim patron, or a black one, or an Asian, Latino or a transgender customer.

In all those cases, the mayor would have rushed to a press conference where he would have mounted his high horse and, surrounded by his socialist comrades, denounced hate and trotted out his "warmth of collectivism" gibberish.

But his silence in this case does not come in a vacuum. His mayoralty has made it open season on Jews and Israel. In those cases alone, hate is acceptable because it fits his radical agenda.

What 'AIPAC' means

He's comfortable in the antisemitic gutter, as when he called members of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee "monsters" last week and said they "move millions in dark money to accomplish a single goal — to preserve their power, so that they can turn us against one another."

The remarks followed AIPAC donations to the opponents running against his cadre of Democratic Socialist candidates. So only the funders of the opponents running against his cronies have malign motives.

His AIPAC smear sparked condemnation from some Jewish leaders and advocacy groups, who accused him of spewing centuries-old antisemitic bile.

Yet he defended himself by digging a deeper hole, as when he said: "When I am speaking about AIPAC, I'm speaking about an organization that has been supportive of the status quo, that has fought any attempt to actually deliver safety to people, not just in Palestine, but frankly, through much of the region, and it is a status quo for immorality," and pointed to Israeli operations in Gaza as an example.

"And when it comes to the way in which they defend the status quo, oftentimes they defend it through direct contributions, as we are seeing right now in New York."

None of that makes a whit of sense, nor does it justify his prejudice.

Sadly, Mamdani has not been alone in ducking the Goldman case. Gov. Hochul, who is desperate to keep Mamdani supporters in her corner, apparently including the antisemites, has gone missing in action, as have other city and state Democrats.

Attorney General Letitia James never misses the chance to grab a headline when she can blast a business or anyone with a conservative bent, but has been silent on this one.

Similarly, city public advocate Jumaane Williams, has been in hiding and has nothing to say.

They are all shamed by Harmeet Dhillon, assistant attorney general for civil rights in the Department of Justice. She said she already opened a probe into the incident and will "bring an enforcement action" if warranted.

Similarly, New Jersey Rep. Josh Gottheimer spoke Sunday about his concerns.

"Swap 'AIPAC' for 'Jews' and it's the oldest antisemitic conspiracy theory in the books," he said in a post on X. "That's not criticizing a lobby. That's laundering antisemitism from your podium as Mayor of a city with more than a million Jews. This bulls--t is dangerous."

Leadership lacking

Civic groups are also responding to the coffee shop's blatant prejudice against Goldman, with a group calling itself EndJewHatred announcing that it will hold a rally outside the shop Wednesday morning to make sure the discrimination does not become a new normal.

The rise of antisemitism is primarily a feature of the far left, but not exclusively. Whatever its source, its growth is a disgraceful aspect of our contentious era.

Although America is still a far more welcoming and safer home for Jews than Europe, New York is not alone in seeing dramatic spikes in hatred and targeted violence against Jews.

In such cases, we naturally look for political leaders to condemn the ancient hatred. But Mamdani has forfeited that role, and revealed his own dark soul.

The stain was obvious before he was elected but incidents like this one dash any hope he would grow in office.

He shows not the slightest evidence that he's willing or wants to change. Shame on him.

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

OMAN LOOKING

Israeli ire after Don exclusion

Many on Israel's right are fuming at President Trump about the Jewish state's exclusion from the US-Iran peace talks and the fate of the war against Hezbollah.

Shima Shine, an ex-Mossad official and INSS senior researcher, told The Post it was a mistake to keep Israel at arm's length from the negotiating table, especially when the deal hinges on its current fight with Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

"What did America think about that? How did they think that they can — at the same time — talk with Iran about Lebanon and force Israel to stop, and then bring the Israelis and the Lebanese to negotiate two sides when they are not in any way part of the negotiations with Iran," Shine said.

After details of the memorandum of understanding were published last week, the Israel Hayom newspaper — owned by Miriam Adelson, one of Trump's biggest, pro-Israel backers — published a scathing opinion piece accusing him of betraying the Jewish state.

"You could have been the greatest president of all, as you claim to be, but you failed," wrote journalist Danny Zaken, demanding Trump ignore Vice President JD Vance and special Envoy Steve Witkfoff as they negotiate with Iran. "Unless you change course against the advice of your vice president and envoy, you will be remembered forever as the president who brought about the humiliation of great America and gravely damaged its strategic power and its leading status in the world."

Channel 14 News right-wing star Yinon Magal called Trump a "loser" and Vance "scum" on X and attacked Witkoff and Kushner for selling out "their brothers in Israel."

A recent poll by Israel's Channel 12 TV found 71% of respondents felt they could no longer trust the Trump administration to safeguard Israel under the terms of the deal.

Ronny Reyes and Caitlin Doornbos

EYES ON: Iranian nuclear facilities, such as this one at Natanz, will be under inspection by a watchdog, according to the United Nations.

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UN: Tehran OK'd nuke inspection

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — The United Nations' nuclear watchdog agency backed President Trump in his latest dispute with Iran over inspections of its enrichment sites amid a shaky truce between Tehran and the US.

Trump told reporters Tuesday that nuclear inspectors will be on the ground in Iran "at the appropriate time" and the officials in Tehran were "wrong" to say there would be no scrutiny of their nuclear facilities — but Iranian officials denied that any inspections had been scheduled.

"There's no rush, but they'll be on the ground at the appropriate time," Trump said. "They told us inside, and we have it down — 100% inspections."

Other Trump administration officials involved in the negotiations — including Vice President JD Vance — have also affirmed that Iran agreed to the inspections. And the director of the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, said the same in an interview Tuesday, telling Tokyo-based outlet NHK that the inspections were part of the negotiated truce between the US and Iran.

"We think that the sooner the better, especially since this agreement has a time frame of 60 days, so we will have to be working without losing much time," Grossi said.

"If Iran wishes to invite the United States or other observers, this is another matter," he added, affirming the IAEA's independence as a nuclear monitor. "We do not foresee that somebody needs to help us or control us."

Iranian foreign-ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei had denied earlier Tuesday that IAEA inspectors would be allowed to visit the sites.

It's the latest in a series of disagreements including unfrozen assets and whether tolling will be allowed in the Strait of Hormuz after 60 days.

A memorandum of understanding, signed by President Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian last Wednesday stipulates that the Islamic Republic will "not procure or develop nuclear weapons."

Iran will also dilute what remains of its highly enriched uranium "under the supervision of the IAEA," per the document.

FOR STRAIT PAY

Iranian Defense Ministry via AP

Joins Iran in plan to grab transit 'costs'

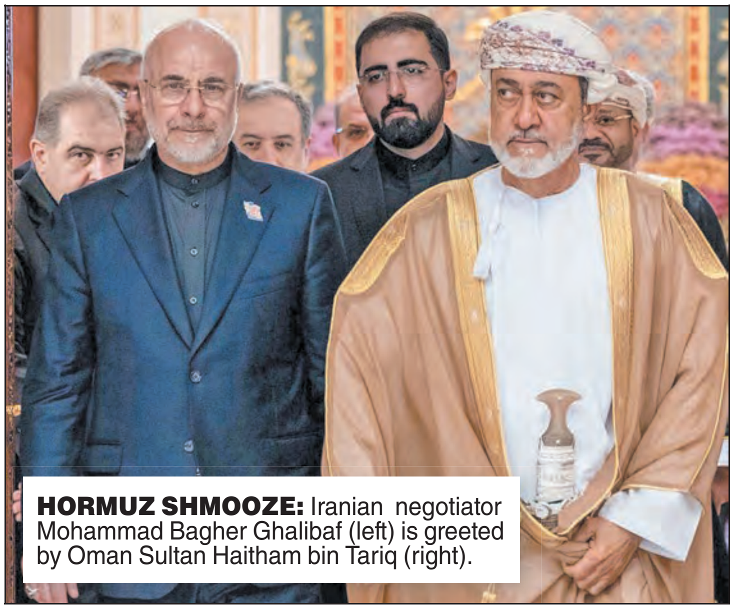
By RYAN KING

WASHINGTON — Iran and Oman announced Tuesday they would jointly handle issues related to future navigation of the Strait of Hormuz and "the costs associated with them" — even as the Trump administration publicly insisted Tehran can't charge tolls.

Oman and Iran sit on opposite sides of the southern entrance of the strait, and their vague joint statement raised fears that the two countries may try to collect money from ships traveling through the vital waterway.

The two countries said in a joint statement they had "agreed to maintain their dialogue on this issue through a joint working group . . . in order to reach agreement on the future administration of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz and the services that will be provided in this regard and the costs associated with them in accordance with international standards."

In recent months, Iran has publicly threatened to charge ship operators a toll to cross the strait, though it recently changed its language to describe the charges as fees for unspecified services. Nearly a fifth of the world's seaborne oil supplies flow through the Strait of Hormuz annually.



HORMUZ SHMOOZE: Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf (left) is greeted by Oman Sultan Haitham bin Tariq (right).

No 'tolls or fees'

Since the Trump administration sealed a memorandum of understanding with Iran last week, ships have begun traversing the waterway once again, though at rates below prewar levels.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio insisted after landing in the United Arab Emirates as part of a two-day swing through the Middle East Tuesday that "no country is allowed to charge tolls or fees on an international waterway."

"That's existing international law, that's the way it is," he added. "I don't think we have anybody to convince around here in that regard. I think all the countries in this region would agree with us."

Omani Foreign Minister Badr Al Busaidi publicly said Monday that his country and Iran had affirmed their commitment to "toll-free safe passage" through the Strait of Hormuz following high-level meetings.

However, it was not immediately clear whether Al Busaidi meant that policy would only remain in effect during the 60-day window for the US and Iran to negotiate a final peace deal

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Devoting resources to drones

The unsettling swarm of drones that a downed US pilot in Iran said moved in a bizarre "jellyfish-like" formation indicates the Iranian regime has devoted significant resources to beefing up its drone program — so it can counter the conventional battlefield tech of its rivals.

"They are adapting faster than us," Brett Velicovich, drone expert and founder of Powerus, told The Post. "Iran has spent years developing capabilities designed to offset the overwhelmingly conventional advantages of the United States and its allies."

Velicovich said it was possible the injured pilot — who was badly concussed — might not have been seeing straight when he observed the swarm, but said what he saw could have been a so-called "mothership" drone.

Motherships, Velicovich said, are large drone aircraft capable of relaying communications or orders to other drones connected to them. *Chris Nesi*

Housing act passes

Biz home buyer ban sails in Congress

By VICTOR NAVA
and JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives on Tuesday cleared a Senate-passed bill aimed at reducing the cost of housing in the US by barring institutional investors from buying up single-family homes, among other provisions.

The revamped 21st Century Road to Housing Act overwhelmingly passed the House in a 358-32 bipartisan vote. The legislation was approved in the Senate in an 85-5 bipartisan vote on Monday.

President Trump is expected to sign the bill into law during a visit to the Capitol Building on Wednesday.

"Bottom line is we need more housing and this bill, working together, does just that," Rep. Mike Lawler (R-NY) said on the House floor.

"It eases regulations. It creates greater access to capital. It provides more accountability at [the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs], but ultimately it increases supply, which will have a profound impact on Americans across this country," the congressman added.

Rep. Jim Himes (D-Conn.) marveled at the bipartisan support for the housing bill, calling it a "remarkable thing in this polarized and angry Congress."

A housing crisis

"We are actually getting something done, and we're getting something done that is really important," Himes said.

"We have a crisis of housing in this country . . . and while this won't fix everything, this is a huge step in the right direction," he added.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Tim Scott (R-SC) said in a statement before the vote that the legislation would help "lower costs, expand housing supply, cut red tape, protect taxpayers, and help more Americans achieve the dream of home ownership."

"For me, this is personal. I know what it means for a family to have a safe, affordable place to call home because I watched my mother work hard to make that dream a reality in North Charleston, South Carolina," he added.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), the top Democrat on the committee, called the measure "historic," noting it would "for the first time ever" halt "private equity from buying up homes."

House lawmakers had pushed for the provision, in addition to items extending the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program for three years to help localities and cities recover from presidential disaster declarations.

The compromise bill also has tucked in the House's provisions on banking deregulation, making it simpler for smaller banks to return to engage in mortgage lending.

The House's version had been approved in an overwhelming 396-13 vote in May, while the Senate version passed in an 89-10 vote in March.

AMERICAN WORKERS FIRST

AP

PITCH: President Trump touted his weight-loss drug discount to blue-collar workers on Tuesday.

Don's 'weighty' speech in Pa.

By STEVEN NELSON
and EMILY GOODIN

President Trump told blue-collar Pennsylvanians Tuesday that "fat drugs" are going to become cheaper for millions of Americans next week after he strong-armed all major pharmaceutical companies to lower prices, declaring that his drug-pricing reforms "alone should win the midterms."

Trump visited a Mack Trucks plant in eastern Pennsylvania to urge support for Republican congressional candidates with an economic appeal — saying the resolution of the Iran war would swiftly ease energy prices and inflation and that booming stock value are making husbands look like financial geniuses.

Midterm elections generally have low turnout and Trump urged his own supporters to show up for lesser-known Republicans — and to remember how he saved them money on losing weight.

"Starting next week, weight-loss drugs will be available for just $50 — think of that — for seniors who previously had to pay $1,200, $1,300, $1,400," Trump said in the cavernous facility, mere hours after White House officials denied that Trump was himself taking a new weight-loss drug.

Medicare's 68 million senior-citizen enrollees become eligible July 1 for new discounts as the Trump administration broadens access to GLP-1 drugs specifically for weight loss with a $50 co-pay, including for Wegovy, Foundayo and Zepbound.

"These are the biggest price reductions in the history of our country for anything having to do with drugs, prescription medicine. So that alone should win the midterms," Trump said.

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DC judge blocks off vote check

A DC federal judge blocked the Trump administration Monday from consulting a revamped database of personal information, warning that the White House had "knowingly trampled on the privacy rights of American citizens in a manner that threatens the sacred right to vote."

The Department of Homeland Security upgraded its so-called Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system in response to President Trump's March 2025 executive order meant to ensure only Americans vote in national elections.

Following the order, DHS made changes to SAVE that included adding natural-born US citizens to the register and allowing bulk searches of the database using names, birthdays and Social Security numbers rather than DHS-issued ID numbers.

"[D]ecades ago, Congress put protections in place to prevent precisely this type of centralized data bank," US District Judge Sparkle L. Sooknanan wrote in her 75-page opinion.

*Samuel Chamberlain
with Wires*

School dorm 'bias' slap

The Department of Housing and Urban Development on Tuesday urged colleges and universities to discourage racially segregated student residence halls, warning that race-based "affinity housing" runs afoul of federal anti-discrimination law.

Institutions of higher learning that promote or turn a blind eye to the "disturbing trend" of "neo-segregationist" living arrangements will face "maximum accountability" from the Trump administration, the housing agency vowed in a letter provided to The Post.

HUD Secretary Scott Turner said in a statement, "Under the leadership of President Trump, the Department will ensure that racial discrimination in housing . . . is consigned to the ash heap of history."

Victor Nava

RUBEN GALLEGO
"Misspent" campaign funds.

Frosh pol spending at issue

WASHINGTON — Freshman Sen. Ruben Gallego, who has cultivated 2028 presidential buzz, blew his campaign war chest on luxury outings, family travel, Super Bowl tickets and more, Federal Election Commission records reveal.

Gallego (D-Ariz.) used campaign coffers and PAC money to foot the bill for travel to Disney World, Disneyland, Miami, Chicago and elsewhere with his family.

"He just spends his campaign account like it's his personal slush fund," a source familiar with Gallego's spending habits told Politico, which first reported on the luxury campaign spending. "He's using campaign cash to live a luxury lifestyle."

But Gallego's office insists the spending was all connected to political events and fundraisers, even if he used that money to cover his family's travel and accommodations in some instances. *Ryan King*

Teen sex vic in clothes dryer

A Florida man was jailed after allegedly sexually assaulting a teen girl and locking her inside his clothes dryer, according to police.

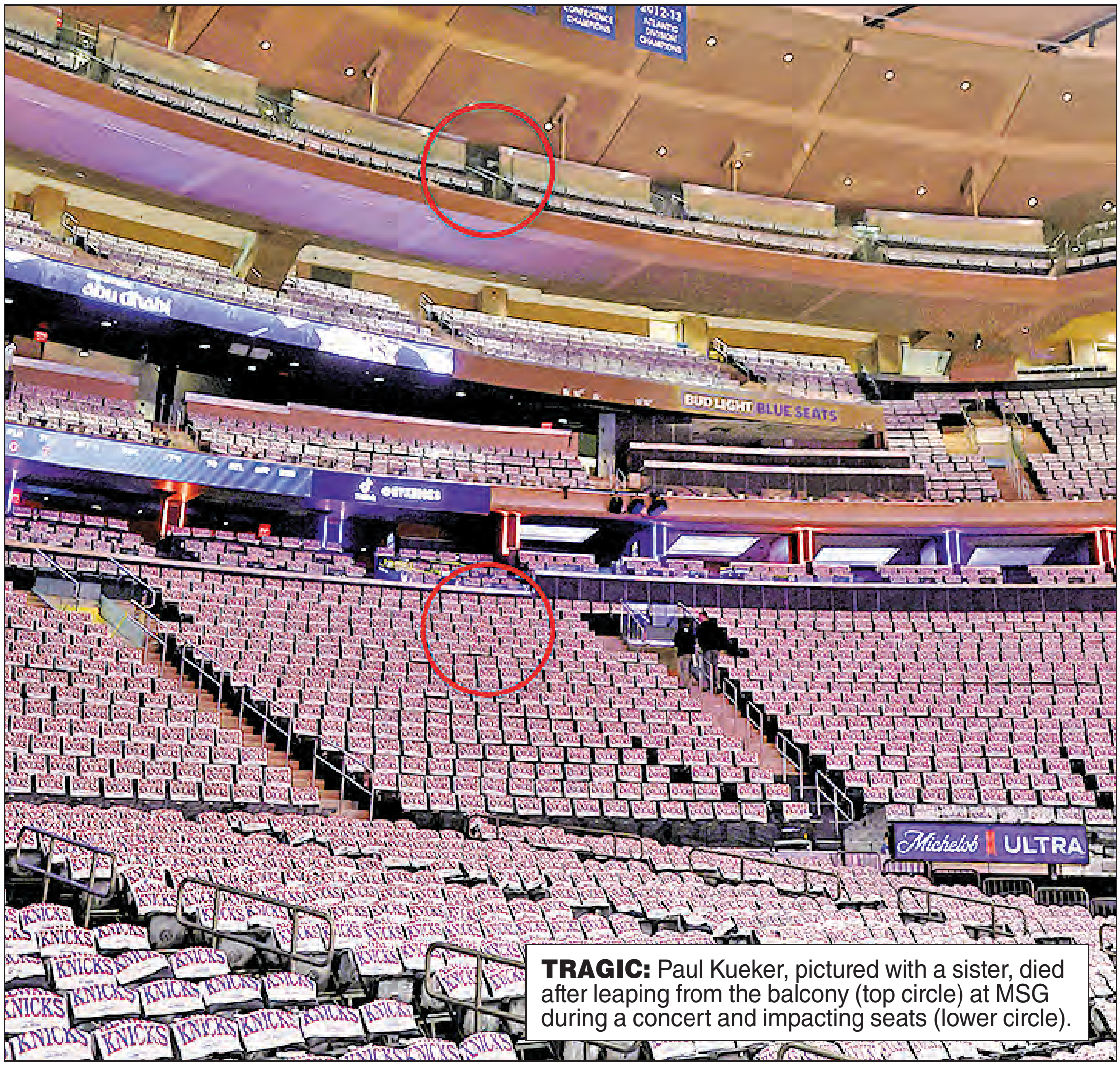
Christopher Michael Veit, 53, was arrested at his Key Largo home Sunday after police received a frantic 911 call from a girl who claimed she was being held captive.

Police arrived and found her trapped in Veit's dryer.

The sicko took her phone, bound her and forced her into the dryer when she tried to leave, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. *Alex Oliveira*

STANDING IN BLOOD

Concertgoer & seats hit in death plunge



TRAGIC: Paul Kueker, pictured with a sister, died after leaping from the balcony (top circle) at MSG during a concert and impacting seats (lower circle).

Facebook/Patti Hoxsie Finelli

By JOE MARINO
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A horrified witness recounted in grisly detail to The Post on Tuesday how he was struck by tragic, leaping Madison Square Garden concertgoer Paul Kueker — and left "standing in blood."

"His head was like a foot to the left of my shoes," the traumatized man said of Kueker, a 51-year-old married dad of two from Connecticut who jumped to his death from a 150-foot-high balcony at the Manhattan venue during a Goose concert Saturday night, according to video.

"Within a few seconds, I was standing in blood," the witness said.

"Wild," said the man, who was struck on his leg. "That's why I'm trying to figure out what hit me, and my friend was one seat further away and got hit by something, so I want to figure out what that was, too."

Several other people were also hit by the falling man and suffered minor injuries, sources said.

Kueker "appeared intoxicated" and "under the influence" before he took the leap over the 4-foot-high glass barrier shortly before 10 p.m. the day before Father's Day, law-enforcement sources have told The Post, quoting witnesses.

He had taken his wife to the concert to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, which was Tuesday, kin have said.

Kueker's spouse did not see her husband's fall, which occurred three sections away from their seats, and just thought he was in the bathroom, the dead man's mother, Patricia Finelli, told the New York Daily News.

"He got up to go to the bathroom, and he didn't come back," Finelli said. "She was getting worried after 10 or 15 minutes. And he didn't come back."

Police eventually found Kueker's wife, Kristen Lomme Kueker, at her seat and delivered the tragic news, according to the outlet.

During intermission

Despite initial reports that the dad of two jumped from the Chase Bridge — an elevated seating section added to the Garden in 2013 — sources said he leapt from the 300s sections of the east balcony.

The Post exclusively viewed video footage showing Kueker jumping head-first over the barrier, with the witness Tuesday describing hearing a sudden loud bang seconds later, followed by people screaming to get the man help.

The witness said Kueker jumped during intermission, when about 25 to 50 percent of people were in their seats.

Other video footage captured the chilling moments right after the horror when bystanders and emergency personnel huddled around Kueker, trying desperately to save his life, to no avail.

The city medical examiner's office said an investigation into Kueker's cause of death — including a toxicology report — is not complete.

Goose members said they were unaware of the tragedy until after their show ended around midnight.

The rockers said in a series of statements afterward that the Connecticut-based band was devastated by Kueker's death and called for a moment of silence during a follow-up show in Central Park on Sunday.

The band began selling a "Big Love" T-shirt online, saying all of the proceeds would go to a GoFundMe fundraiser set up by Kueker's family.

The site had raised nearly $55,000 for the family as of Tuesday afternoon.

"He was a loving father, family man and friend whose presence brought warmth and laughter wherever he went," Kueker's relatives wrote on the page.

"He loved spending time with his family and cherished every moment he shared with people he loved."

Kueker, a dad of two from Niantic, was director of operations for the energy management company Smartcon Solutions, according to his LinkedIn account.

"Paul meant the world to everyone at Smartcon," said William Brown, general manager of Smartcon, in a statement. "He was an extraordinary person and a valued member of our team, and the loss is felt deeply across our entire company.

"Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time. He will be profoundly missed."

6 DEAD: Tyler Russell, who was released from prison four months ago, has been charged with killing six in this Monday fire.

Parolee bust in fatal arson

By ZOE HUSSAIN

A parolee freed from state prison in February started a ferocious fire at an upstate motel and homeless shelter, killing six people, authorities alleged Tuesday.

Tyler Russell, 24, was arrested on six counts of manslaughter and one count of arson for an inferno that decimated the Knights Inn in Endwell on Monday morning, according to state troopers.

Emergency responders rushed to the motel at around 6 a.m. and found heavy black smoke and flames rapidly engulfing the building.

Six unidentified people were pronounced dead, cops added.

The Knights Inn is one of several hotels used by the Broome County Department of Social Services to house homeless people, WIVT-TV reported.

Russell spent two years behind bars on grand larceny charges, according to prison records obtained by Syracuse.com.

He was released on parole in February, the outlet said. It's unclear if he lived at the Knights Inn.

Several residents of the motel were displaced by the fire, and the Red Cross is now working to help the impacted families.

An emergency relief fund organized by the United Way of Broome County for victims of the fire has also collected more than $41,000 in donations.

Russell has since been booked into the Broome County Jail for his arraignment, police said.

An investigation into the fatal fire remains ongoing.

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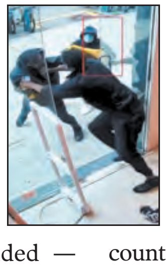
Guard blocks blitz

A superhero security guard fought off a pair of masked punks trying to rob a hip Soho boutique Monday — with the wild scuffle caught on dramatic surveillance video.



Tyrell Gibbs, 34, told The Post he was working the door at the trendy luxury resale shop Rebelonging for fewer than two weeks when the brazen crime unfolded — and led him to tap into his boyhood experience as a tight end and receiver on the football field to shut down the illegal rush.

"You meet them at the line of scrimmage," said Gibbs. "That's what we were doing — I felt like if I met them at that point and addressed them there, that he would go away versus me allowing them to come to me," Gibbs said of the battle at the store's entrance.

The violent encounter unfolded shortly before 3 p.m. at the West Broadway shop, when two masked punks tried to bum-rush the door. *Jorge Fitz-Gibbon*

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Chicago's distraction from very real crisis

CHICAGO, Chicago, that toddling town: Or it was some time ago, when Frank Sinatra sang about it.

Now it's in the throes of something called a "Transfemicide State of Emergency," according to Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, with no time for a little toddling around the dance floor.

Posting to his X account, Johnson announced in all apparent seriousness: "Since declaring a Transfemicide State of Emergency, our administration has strengthened the City's capacity to support LGBTQ+ Chicagoans."

The city, he continued, is "centering the voices and lived experiences of trans Chicagoans to chart a path toward a safer, more connected city."

"Transfemicide" is the "targeted killing of a transgender woman motivated by transphobic and misogynistic hatred."

Chicago implemented its state of emergency in 2024.

You may think such a thing is necessary because of the many, many murders of trans Chicagoans happening daily.

In fact, only one trans person was killed in Chicago in all of last year — and the incident appears to have been a matter of domestic violence unrelated to their trans status.

That's sad, but it's not "Transfemicide State of Emergency" sad.

Smoke-screen issue

American cities are sinking, and few embody this decline more than Chicago.

Last week, over the Juneteenth three-day weekend, 39 people were shot in Chi-town and six killed.

None of them were trans.

That is not considered a state of emergency — it's just an average weekend in Chicago, a city that saw 416 murders last year, many of them young black men.

And those 416 killings were seen as a win for the city, representing the lowest homicide rate in 60 years.

But when you're still tallying more than a murder a day, perhaps the celebrations should be somewhat muted lest an SUV pulls up and starts spraying the party with bullets, as occurred at a Juneteenth celebration a few days ago.

Meanwhile, Chicagoans' quality of life continues to deteriorate, and people and businesses are leaving in droves.

When Ken Griffin took his company Citadel and its talents to Miami, Chicago lost billions of dollars in tax revenue and spending.

Right now its NFL team, the Chicago Bears, has one foot out the door on the way to Indiana.

Yet its mayor is wasting his time on all-but-nonexistent "transfemicide."

Chicago has the same population, around 2.7 million, as it did 100 years ago — a lack of growth that tells the story of a city in deep trouble.

So its leaders are making up nonsense crises as a smokescreen for the troubles that actually exist.

It's obviously so much easier to blather about "centering voices and lived experiences" than it is to solve their city's dire problems.

Party problem

After all, Chicago is a one-political-party town — so part of the quiet on its ongoing mess is that there's no Republican to blame.

The last Republican to hold any significant government job in Chicago was John J. Hoellen Jr., a City Council alderman in the 1970s.

Chicago hasn't had a Republican mayor since the 1930s.

And solving actual problems would mean taking on entrenched leftist interests that grow by the year.

Nobody wants to do that.

It's why, for example, Chicago public schools still had COVID closure days in the 2022 school year, long after pandemic closures were lifted elsewhere.

Teachers' unions could easily flex their muscles, and did.

Are politicians going to do anything to oppose them? Not likely.

It's far easier to issue proclamations larded with words no one understands, so politicians do just that. They signal to the right people that everyone's on the same team, and not to worry about any uncomfortable changes that could actually improve anything for the people.

Who knows? Johnson could even declare victory.

Maybe it's his "Transfemicide State of Emergency" that's keeping trans people from being murdered in his city — the "lived experience" of non-trans Chicagoans who get murdered every weekend notwithstanding.

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‘WOKE SLAY’ RAGE

‘Transfemicide’ push as bullets fly

PRIORITIES ARE BLOWN: Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson is facing widespread mockery for pushing the city’s “Transfemicide State of Emergency” agenda during a weekend that saw 39 shootings.

AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

By CHRIS NESI

Woke Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson declared he was reupping the city’s “Transfemicide State of Emergency” to highlight violence against transgender women — despite just one reported killing of a trans person this year, compared with nearly 200 other murders across the city.

His social-media posting announcing the initiative drew widespread mockery as critics pointed out his bizarre focus on a small population as the city is plagued by dozens of weekly shootings primarily involving Chicagoans of color.

Johnson’s declaration suggests an ongoing epidemic of trans murders. There have been 14 transgender people killed in Chicago between 2016 and 2024, according to the Chicago Public Media-owned Chicago Sun-Times.

198 homicides

So far this year, Chicago has recorded 198 homicides — the vast majority of whom are men.

“For too many transgender Chicagoans, the sense of belonging they deserve in their city has been denied by exclusion and barriers to opportunity in spaces that should feel safe and welcoming,” Johnson wrote on X Sunday.

“Since declaring a Transfemicide State of Emergency, our administration has strengthened the City’s capacity to support LGBTQ+ Chicagoans. This framework builds on that work by centering the voices and lived experiences of trans Chicagoans to chart a path toward a safer, more connected city.”

“Transfemicide” is defined as the “targeted killing of a transgender woman motivated by transphobic and misogynistic hatred.” The city first implemented the state of emergency in 2024.

On the weekend of his posting, 39 people were shot, six of them fatally, including an incident where an SUV pulled up to a crowd and opened fire, wounding 13 people ranging in age from 17 to 47.

Johnson’s X post drew thousands of derisive comments, many of them accusing the mayor of attempting to shift focus away from the city’s pervasive gang violence and shootings problem onto a niche identity politics issue the numbers do not support.

“What are you on about? Transfemicide? That’s not a thing. Who is paying you to say such fantastical nonsense?” one X user inquired.

‘I assume you’re drunk’

“I am going to be charitable & assume you must be drunk right now,” another wrote.

Others wondered why his state of emergency didn’t extend to the hundreds of shootings in the city each and every month.

“Why don’t you declare a State of Emergency for all of the victims of homicide in Chicago? Would it be a bad thing if protecting transgenders also protected the rest of your citizens?”

Mayor Johnson’s office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Johnson’s declaration suggests an ongoing epidemic of trans murders.

So far this year, one trans woman was murdered in Chicago: 31-year-old Davonta Curtis, whose boyfriend, 24-year-old Deandre Bell, beat her to death with a hammer while she slept. Bell is now facing first-degree murder charges.

Human Rights Campaign reported that 42% of the 32 transgender murder victims nationwide in 2024 were killed by a “romantic/sexual partner, friend or family member.”

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Don: Call & I’ll lower crime in a Chi-town minute

President Trump on Tuesday said he could fix Chicago’s crime epidemic “fast and permanently” and urged left-wing Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker to call him — after 39 were shot in the Windy City this weekend.

The president’s plea came just two days after he claimed he could make the Windy City one of the safest in America following the weekend of bloodshed.

“At least 39 people injured, 4 dead, in Chicago weekend shootings,” Trump wrote on Truth Social.

“Governor Pritzker, I, as President, can fix this. FAST and Permanently.

“D.C., Memphis, New Orleans, all down to record lows, and quickly. CALL ME! President DJT.”

Trump claimed four people were killed in shootings — but Chicago cops say the number of fatalities was six, WLS reported.

More than 500 people have been shot in Chicago this year, according to police data released last month and cited by WTTW. This is up 9% compared with May 2025.

Two drive-by shooters who opened fire in Princeton Park injured 13 people, according to police.

Pritzker, a potential 2028 Democratic presidential candidate, has rebuffed Trump’s calls for help.

“This is the president that thought that he could hire an unqualified company to paint the reflecting pool, and then thought that it would just be free of algae. And yet days later, it turned into an algae sea,” he said, mocking the $14 million renovation of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

“I don’t think that we should be listening to this president about promises that he makes or that he has any idea how to protect us in the state of Illinois.”

Chris Bradford, with Wires

Club daddy remains a Romeo

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NEWLY single dad **Pete Davidson** is still a ladies' man. A source tells Page Six they spotted the comic at the reopening of the Pacha nightclub Friday, where he rolled in with a group of friends and spent the evening dancing to a set by **Solomun** from a table tucked behind the DJ booth.

Davidson welcomed daughter **Scottie Rose** with **Elsie Hewitt** in December. The pair split last month, but it appears his chaotic love life is not a turn off to new prospects.

"Girls were hitting on him," said a source of the former "SNL" star, who is known for dating high-profile women, including **Ariana Grande** and **Kim Kardashian**. "He wasn't interested and was just having a good time dancing with friends."

We hear Davidson and his posse stayed till 4 a.m., hanging with fellow stars, including singer **Ava Max**. A source tells us he was there to support a friend who helped put on the event.

Days later, the former "SNL" star was seen spending Father's Day with his 6-month-old and his mother, **Amy Waters Davidson**, at the Museum of Natural History on the Upper West Side.

Hewitt claimed in May that she was raising the baby on her own, saying in a TikTok, "I have a baby to take care of. I have to work and make money. I'm doing it on my own, which is hard."

A source came to Davidson's defense, saying he'd been paying for everything related to his ex and his daughter, including the rent, their living expenses and their health insurance, adding that he "arranged his schedule to prioritize being in the city."

"They may have split but all he wants is for Elsie to be happy and in a good place," the source said.

Also at the club's three-day opening weekend were **A Boogie Wit da Hoodie**, **Saweetie** and her boyfriend **Jadon Sancho** and **Deacon Phillippe**. **Black Coffee** and **Michael Bibi** performed.

Ski 'trip' to jail

OLYMPIC skiing legend **Bode Miller** is facing two misdemeanor drug charges after an arrest in Idaho earlier this month, days before the eighth anniversary of his daughter's death. Miller, 48, was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia after a June 6 incident, according to TMZ. He was found with hallucinogenic mushrooms, per a police affidavit obtained by the outlet. Miller was later released after posting a $5,000 cash bond and has pleaded not guilty to both charges. He is scheduled to appear for a pretrial hearing July 29. Miller's 19-month-old daughter Emeline died in 2018 after drowning in a pool.

Hit the road, Jack

JACK White's wife **Olivia Jean** has filed for divorce from the White Stripes rocker (above) after over three years of marriage. Jean filed in Nashville on June 3, citing "inappropriate marital conduct, which makes further cohabitation unsafe and improper," according to reports. The pair got married in April 2022. White was previously married to model **Karen Elson** and bandmate **Meg White**. Page Six has reached out for comment.

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Oh, bouy, they shore are ready to save lives! Shay Mitchell (left) and Hassie Harrison prepare to film the "Baywatch" reboot in Venice Beach, Calif.

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Ransom note claim brings Savannah to tears

"IT was a sad day" behind the scenes of the "Today" show yesterday as **Savannah Guthrie** broke down in tears while discussing the ransom note her family received in February claiming her missing mom, **Nancy Guthrie**, had died. It was reported Monday that authorities now believe the note was from the actual kidnappers. "A lot of people at 'Today' are affected by it," a source said. "There was a sense of sadness today. Everybody just feels so bad for her. There is a lot of uncertainty." We're told Guthrie has been surrounded by support from colleagues as she navigates the unimaginable ordeal. "There is a lot of admiration and praise for her that she is still able to do her job," our source said. "People really support her and care about her, and people are heartbroken." During the show, Guthrie pleaded, "I just wanted to take the opportunity to really ask people and really beg people to come forward because somebody knows something." She ended her emotional plea with a promise: "We love our mom, and we'll never stop looking for her. Ever."

His Pride & joy

ANDY Cohen arrived to the Wall Street Hotel for its Pride celebration Monday without boyfriend **Kevin Sobieski**, but he was still top of mind. A spy heard Cohen explaining he was riding solo because Sobieski was out of town. The Bravo head also gave a "heartfelt" speech at the Perry Moore Hero Fund and Hetrick-Martin Institute event about his relationship with Moore, a "Chronicles of Narnia" producer who died in 2011 of a drug overdose. Legendary drag queen **Shequida, Sophia Bush**, **Ann Dexter-Jones**, **Ty Hunter**, **Kevin Aviance**, state Sen. **Erik Bottcher** and **Prince A. Sanders** attended.

Flamin' 'Hot' talk

KEKE Palmer and **Sean Evans** are heating up after their Brooklyn date night. The actress gave a cheeky update on her rumored romance with the "Hot Ones" host at Cannes Lions, PageSix.com's **Riley Cardoza**, **Evan Real** and **Danny Murphy** can reveal. During Spotify's Conversations That Channel Culture panel, host **Jay Shetty** asked Palmer (above) whether she is "serious about Sean Evans." Palmer replied, "First of all, I love Sean Evans . . . That's my guy." Shetty pressed her on viral photos of the duo that surfaced earlier this month. "We're hanging out," she confirmed, teasing they "never know what could arise." She clarified, "[We're] just taking it day by day, one wing at a time, so to speak."

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Whit hid relapse

OPRAH Winfrey exposed Whitney Houston's apparent relapse, more than 15 years after the "I Will Always Love You" star was found dead in a bathtub at the Beverly Hilton in February 2012. Winfrey revealed that Houston was back on drugs and fell down backstage during her last appearance on the eponymous daytime talk show in 2009. "I think it was [Houston's] last show with us, and she had gone back on drugs," Winfrey said at Cannes Lions in France, where she received the festival's Lion-Heart Award yesterday. "The first interview I did with her when we'd gone behind stage and I asked her about her intention, she was clean, but the day she came to my show then to perform in front of the audience, she was not, and she fell off of the stage." Winfrey added that she begged her audience — who had cameras — not to put those pictures out "because it would ruin her life, and they did not."

camila_cabello/Instagram

Is **Camila Cabello** toasting a new album? She teased on Insta, "Summer trip to longpond," where **Taylor Swift** has recorded.

'Magic' Man battled illness

JOE Manganiello revealed he suffered from life-threatening autoimmune-related illnesses that resulted in him having an "amputation." In the synopsis of the "Magic Mike" actor's forthcoming memoir, "Bloodlines," he said he dealt with "a cascade of autoimmune-related illnesses" that attacked his thyroid, digestive system, skin, lungs and eyes. During the seven-year battle, Manganiello, 49, dealt with "chronic pain, a life-saving organ amputation, existential crisis and a prolonged fight for survival that left doctors with few answers and no clear explanation." When doctors were unable to explain what was happening, he turned to "shamans, pagan rituals, ancient myths, long-lost family records and the rebirth of his own spirituality." "It was the most brutally difficult time of my life, one I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy, but also my greatest adventure," **Sofía Vergara**'s ex told People. The book is out Oct. 13.

This engagement is 'Real'

REALITY star **Yolanda Hadid** and real estate developer **Randy Kendrick** are engaged, sources close to the couple told TMZ. It's unclear how long the couple have been in a relationship. Kendrick is the founder and CEO of Xebec, a national industrial logistics real estate platform. The news comes about a year after the "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" alum quietly ended her engagement to construction CEO **Joseph** "Joey" **Jingoli**. Yolanda was previously married to **David Foster** and **Mohamed Hadid**, the father of her children, **Gigi**, **Bella** and **Anwar**.

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By Ian Mohr

Welcome to Page Six Hollywood...

In today's newsletter, we have a mix of news that only P6H can provide!

Writer at Large **Tatiana Siegel** looks at the controversy surrounding **Casey Wasserman** after another recording artist exited his agency on Tuesday in the wake of the bombshell Epstein data dump, as well as his alleged feud with WME superagent **Ari Emanuel.**

We deployed Senior Columnist **Peter Kiefer** on a

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How to feed a revolution

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Fraunces Tavern once hosted Washington and his troops.

1783. Our own downtown's famous Fraunces Tavern fed George Washington as he said farewell to his officers and troops. Martha's talent was evidently not food. However she nailed him, it was not through his stomach.

Now 2026. Our own temp NY mayor? Besides his itch to rebuild Red Square in Times Square, his prayer is to get on "Saturday Night Live." That's his onetime big-time hope. Shove the traffic. Forget the poor. Screw the bicycles. The guy dreams to be on "SNL." Forget the city. Shove the landlords. Up the renters. Stick up the prices. "SNL" would be the culmination of his socialist life.

So, what were America's pols, heroes, Founding Fathers, patriots from our beginning days?

1775. The Second Continental Congress — merchants, doctors, lawyers — began meeting and later drafting our Declaration of Independence.

All pledged lives to this Declaration of Independence from "civil tyranny." Penalty? New York's delegates immediately lost their properties. Total belongings were targeted for destruction. Homes plundered. Belongings robbed. People imprisoned. Earth scorched. Health ruined. Children lost. Families destroyed.

The mobs today — the marchers burning flags, the haters, the destroyers, the kids cutting school without learning penmanship, history, math, English, the leftists, the communists, the politicians — don't even know the names of these first patriots. Nor that their ragtag beaten ancestors — in torn clothing, cold, fearful, hungry — marched into Manhattan, to Battery Park. It was to reclaim the New York City that haters, communists, socialists, leftists, anarchists, atheists and the mayor's handpicked commissioners now look to destroy.

Ready to let 'Liberty' reign

YEARS ago the Conservative Society of America reprinted Patrick Henry's March 23, 1775, Virginia Convention speech in Richmond's St. John's Church — his historic "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" plea.

It says in part: "Millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us.

"I know not what course others may take; but, as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

Comes 1783. The same Fraunces Tavern. Washington bids emotional farewell after Britain's surrender. Remnants of the raggedy-looking forlorn God-Bless-Us Continental Army's soldiers march into Manhattan to reclaim NYC.

And let us try to think what our Founding Fathers would have done were they here now. Today. Like what might their take be on our pols in today's government. Or taxes. Or traffic. Or unemployment. Or scaffolds. Or bicycles. Or garbage. Or mayors.

He went ape

OK, onward. Speaking of soldiers, there was a time Ed Asner was upset because the Pentagon was unwilling to retire 111 Air Force chimpanzees, which probably none of us knew they had. They were for "invasive experiments." His group sent letters to our then defense secretary urging him to "give these soldiers a well-earned discharge."

BE aware our temporary semi-commie mayor who, when he reads a story about himself and doesn't understand it — figures it must be a misprint. **For sure only in New York, kids, only in New York.**

Mail-order abortion pill nix plea

Dozens of pro-life groups are pleading with the Trump White House to stop the Food and Drug Administration from allowing mail delivery of abortion pills, claiming the Justice Department can do so by merely settling a lawsuit.

Last year, Louisiana challenged a Biden-era policy allowing mifepristone, part of a two-drug regimen to cause an abortion, to be delivered via the postal system.

That case, Louisiana v. FDA, is playing out before the New Orleans-based Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In 2021, the Biden FDA scrapped a requirement that patients visit a doctor in person to get the abortion pill, formalizing that rule in 2023.

The Trump FDA has so far kept that policy intact, though the agency has begun conducting a safety review, the interim results of which could be released as early as next month.

Louisiana argued that the FDA's move to remove the in-person dispensing requirement has allowed abortion groups to undermine the state's strict abortion restrictions.

Last month, the Supreme Court blocked an order from the Fifth Circuit that had briefly required in-person dispensing of mifepristone.

Just last week, the DOJ filed a motion supporting keeping the mail-in rule in place while the case plays out. *Ryan King*

85-year-old 'street racer'

An 85-year-old cigar-smoking Florida man has been accused of street racing and hitting over 100 mph before being pulled over and telling police he was only out enjoying a late-night drive in his "favorite car," bodycam video shows.

The incident happened at around 11:30 p.m. on June 12 when an officer from the Lake County Sheriff's Office clocked Williams Bosworth's Nissan 350Z convertible racing a red Chevrolet Corvette in a 45 mph zone in Leesburg, about an hour outside of Orlando, CBS12 reported.

Bosworth was arrested for driving over 100 mph and charged with street racing and dangerous excessive speeding, CBS12 reported.

The driver of the red Corvette, Philip Signorino, 57, was also pulled over by another officer up the road and arrested on the same charges. *Richard Pollina*

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FAUCI POWER BEATS 'HOOVER'

BAD SCIENCE: Sen. Rand Paul (left), in an interview with Miranda Devine, said Dr. Anthony Fauci (above) abused his power during a 40-year career in government.

Rand on doc's 'kingpin' run

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) accused Dr. Anthony Fauci of abusing his power during a 40-year career in government, to the extent that even notorious FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover "has nothing on" the ex-National Institutes of Health official.

Paul told The Post's Miranda Devine in an interview with "Pod Force One," released Wednesday, that the former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director had exerted a powerful influence for decades on US-funded research.

But whistleblower testimony and internal government emails related to the COVID-19 pandemic have since revealed the degree to which Fauci also involved himself in the publication of controversial articles in scientific journals about SARS-CoV-2 — and "influenced" US intelligence assessments about its origins.

"People talk about J. Edgar Hoover," Paul said. "J. Edgar Hoover has nothing on Anthony Fauci — 40 years of placing all his lieutenants in all the positions, and then after 9/11, the funding for bioresearch and bio-terrorism went through the roof, and he became the kingpin that had access to all of that money."

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Fauci denials

Fauci has testified in congressional hearings about holding a "pretty high level" security clearance since 2004, when he was helping to set up a US biodefense program in the wake of the anthrax attacks.

He also told Congress that he had broad authority to "sign off" on thousands of federal grants annually for research when serving as NIAID director from 1984 to 2022.

But the former public health official has consistently denied that US-funded, gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology may have sparked the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The NIH has not ever and does not now fund gain-of-function research in the Wuhan Institute," Fauci declared in a heated line of questioning from Paul during a May 2021 Senate hearing.

That testimony was later disputed by NIH Principal Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak in a May 2024 House hearing.

"It depends on your definition of gain-of-function research," Tabak answered. "If you're speaking about the generic term, yes, we did.

"This is research, the generic term [gain-of-function], is research that goes on in many, many labs around the country. It is not regulated. And the reason it's not regulated is it poses no threat or harm to anybody," he added.

Criminal charges?

However, wx-CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield, who has supported the so-called "lab leak theory" of the pandemic, has noted that even unfunded projects and proposals can be tested under other research grants that got funding, when speaking on a biosecurity panel in October 2024

Paul has repeatedly accused Fauci of lying to Congress during their initial exchange and referred him to the Department of Justice for criminal charges for the allegedly false statements as well as purported destruction of federal records.

Doc's subpoena on COVID origins

Dr. Anthony Fauci was subpoenaed by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) to appear before the Senate for a grilling on his alleged lies to Congress — and the public — about the origins of the coronavirus pandemic that killed millions.

Paul accused Fauci of dodging a previous commitment to testify before the Senate Homeland Security Committee, saying he'd now subpoena him to force his appearance in July.

"We've been negotiating with him for material and for testimony. This has gone on for some time," Paul told CNBC. "He slow-walked us."

This is Paul's first subpoena in his role as committee chairman. He gained the power last year when the panel voted to allow the chairman to issue unilateral subpoenas.

The senator has long targeted Fauci, who became the public face of the government's response to the pandemic. He claims Fauci lied about his knowledge of US-funded coronavirus research in Wuhan, China, where the pandemic originated, where many think the COVID virus was made and then escaped.

Paul also vowed to examine the pardon Fauci was given by then-President Joe Biden. *Emily Goodin*

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SHOOTER AN ANTI-ZIONIST

Montreal killer left screed

By PATRICK REILLY

The shooter who was killed after he gunned down a Montreal police officer in a shooting in a Jewish neighborhood that left a local rabbi dead and another policewoman wounded left behind a twisted, 104-page manifesto.

The gunman, identified by Quebec's coroner as 25-year-old Seth Hatfield, raged in the rambling document against Zionists, capitalism, law enforcement, feminism and the pornography industry, among other grievances, according to the Montreal Gazette, which reviewed the manifesto.

"Be unflinching, go forth, and KILL THEM ALL!" he said at the conclusion of the sick missive.

In the manifesto, Hatfield blames feminism, liberalism and capitalism for the "situation of terrible loneliness, isolation, and social degradation" he believes men face, the Guardian reported.

He also sought through terror to create a "new order" that would limit freedoms for women, according to the Gazette.

Aylo statement

The shooter also reportedly named "the headquarters of international pornography companies" and those who "actively promote pornography to the public" as targets.

Following the shooting, the Gazette reported that broken windows were visible in the building that houses Pornhub's parent company, Aylo, which is in the Côte-des-Neiges neighborhood.

"We are aware of recent media reports about yesterday's shooting, including reports discussing a possible connection to Aylo and Pornhub," Aylo told the outlet in a statement. "The investigation remains ongoing, and we will not speculate on motive or share unconfirmed information."

In a statement to The Post, Aylo said: "We want to express our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of Const. Mohamed Lamine Benredouane and Michael Moshe Mizrahi, as well as to the Montreal Police Service (SPVM) and everyone affected by this horrific tragedy.

"The safety of our community is our highest priority, whether that be our dedicated employees, our online community, or the city of Montreal, which a large part of our team proudly calls home." Though our city was struck by tragedy, we want to express gratitude to the first responders who bravely protected us and ensured that none of our employees were physically harmed by yesterday's events."

Hatfield described influential Zionists and the headquarters of all corporations with ties to Zionism among his dozens of "valid potential Class A targets," according to the Gazette.

Other prime targets Hatfield named include international real-estate companies, private-equity firms, elite bankers, politicians, healthcare and oil CEOs, plastic surgeons and cryptocurrency moguls.

Jews take shelter

Residents in the city's Côte-des-Neiges neighborhood — a heavily Jewish section of the city with several kosher restaurants, a Chabad, Jewish schools and Jewish community centers surrounding the area — were told to take shelter around 12:30 p.m. Monday after a gunman was spotted prowling the area, the outlet reported.

Harrowing footage of the shooting shows a pair of officers engaging the gunman in camouflage clothing, who rushes at them with a rifle.

Constable Mohamed Lamine Benredouane, 34, was killed during the shootout. A female officer, who has yet to be identified, was wounded in the attack.

Rabbi Michael Moshe Mizrahi, a member of the local Jewish community and the Chabad MADA center, was identified by Quebec MNA Monsef Derraji as the bystander who had been killed.

Grieving dad rips Karmelo's kin

Austin Metcalf's grieving dad scolded Karmelo Anthony's parents for fleeing the courtroom after the teen was convicted of murder — skipping the emotional statements from victims and leaving Anthony high and dry during sentencing.

Jeff Metcalf expressed empathy to Anthony, now 19, while condemning his parents for not sitting through the entire proceedings at the courthouse in McKinney, Texas, earlier this month.

The teen was ultimately sentenced to 35 years in prison for the fatal stabbing of Austin Metcalf at a track meet in April 2025.

The elder Metcalf said Anthony's parents, Kala Hayes and Andrew Anthony, failed to return to the courthouse after the guilty verdict was handed down — leaving their son to learn his fate while they peddled the narrative he wasn't given a fair trial.

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Addictive & life-altering drug sold

By RIKKI SCHLOTT

Stay-at-home mom Bari Sinoyannis thought she was buying a natural, plant-based alternative to pain relievers when she picked up kratom powder at a North Carolina smoke shop in 2022.

"The fact that it's labeled as a natural alternative to pain medication was why I fell for it. I was like, you know what? I'm gonna try it. And pretty much immediately I was addicted," the 37-year-old told The Post.

"I was like, oh, this is a miracle drug. This is curing my pain. This is curing my depression. Everything's better now. Until it wasn't."

What Sinoyannis didn't know is that, even though it can be casually picked up at a convenience store, gas station or smoke shop, kratom is a highly addictive substance that can cause severe withdrawals and catastrophic side effects.

The psychoactive plant extract from Southeast Asia is sold in powder, drinks, gummies, capsules, teas and energy shots. It is advertised for its purported pain-relieving ability and as a natural aid for depression and anxiety, and it can make people feel alert, energetic and more talkative.

But it can also have catastrophic downsides.

Over the course of the next several years, Sinoyannis gradually became so addicted to kratom that she needed to take doses all day and through the night just to feel normal, costing her up to $600 a week.

Over time, she upgraded from kratom powder to 7-OH, a derivative compound found in the kratom plant that is highly potent and more concentrated.

"If I didn't wake up a million times throughout the night to dose, I would go through withdrawal in the morning," she said.

$2 billion industry

Kratom can cause withdrawal symptoms, such as sweating, restlessness, nausea, anxiety and an inability to sleep, according to the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

"It didn't matter how much I took, I was still going through withdrawals. Between doses, I would be on the floor vomiting," Sinoyannis admitted. "My kids had to witness me going through withdrawals every few days. My husband almost left me because of it. They had to go to the neighbor's house when the ambulance had to come get me."

In January, she decided enough was enough and enrolled in a 32-day rehab program. Over the course of her detox, three roommates also addicted to kratom dropped out because the withdrawal was so intense.

Now that she's enjoyed a few months of sobriety, Sinoyannis can't help but wonder why such a life-changing drug was so readily available.

"The fact that you could buy it literally anywhere was part of why I trusted it," she said. "At least with heroin and fentanyl, you have to buy it on the street, and you know what you're taking is bad. With this stuff, soccer moms are on it because they thought it was natural."

Because it's so easy to obtain, people who consume kratom often assume it's not a particularly dangerous substance.

A survey this year by University of Michigan found that more than 5 million Americans have used kratom, including 100,000 children ages 12 to 17.

One popular brand of kratom-infused drinks, Feel Free, bragged in a press release about selling a quarter of a billion dollars worth of their product in the US in 2025. A two-serving bottle costs about $13 on their website.

Kratom products are popular enough to be sold at 7-Eleven stores in many states. Retail scanning service SPINS found that in-store kratom sales jumped by 21% from 2023 to 2024, to reach $441 million nationwide.

Industry estimates place the total number much higher when internet sales and other avenues are included, claiming it is an eye-watering $2 billion industry annually.

Kratom is not regulated under the Controlled Substances Act, meaning it's up to local jurisdictions to ban it.

So far, only seven states have done so: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Vermont and Wisconsin. Tennessee will join them on July 1. Their reasons for banning are because the compound can quickly lead to dependence and cause potentially life-altering side effects.

Socially validated

Kratom can cause nausea, dizziness, sweating, vomiting and weight loss. It can also cause confusion, psychosis and delusions — and even lead to death. Between July 2016 and December 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified 152 overdose deaths in individuals who had kratom in their system at the time. Kratom was positively deemed the cause of death for 91 of them by medical examiners.

Still, Matthew Farmer assumed kratom wasn't a huge deal because it seemed so socially validated.

"It was everywhere you go, and I was kind of looking for an escape," Farmer, 32, of Fredericksburg, Va., told The Post. "The clerk may not even know what they're doing, but they're basically giving people a bag of dope."

Within a couple months, he was using daily. People around him started to notice something was off, as he began to struggle with depression, brain fog and loss of appetite.

"People can tell when you are not yourself, even when you don't notice it as much at the time," Farmer, who works at a convenience store, said. "My social life horribly suffered for it. At work, at the first possible moment, I would just straight up walk off and go to the bathroom and take some kratom, because I always had it in my pocket.

"I got off of it for a while and then I got addicted to it again. I would throw it away, and then I'd, like, go and get it again."

—Chris Oflyng

"They would tell me it's just like coffee. It's just a plant. [But] it wasn't even 10 hours without a dose before I was sweating and sick and shaky."

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> —Bari Sinoyannis on her addiction to kratom

“It was just dehumanizing. It was embarrassing. I knew it was hurting me, but I was still doing it,” said Farmer, who has now been sober for just over a month after spending six months weaning off.

Kratom can even be found in bars that bill themselves as “sober” or “alcohol-free.”

In 2020, Pasha Kalachev ventured into one such bar around the corner from his Bushwick, Brooklyn apartment, where he tried a kratom-infused drink billed as a healthy alternative to alcohol. He felt a mild high and a rush of productivity.

“I was like, oh, this is a fantastic feeling, and I can stay productive, and there’s no hangover,” the 35-year-old software engineer said. “It doesn’t feel like you are consuming anything heavy. It can really feel like a free lunch in that sense.”

The city has quietly cracked down on such bars over the past several years, but still at least 300 exist across the United States, according to one directory.

Kalachev, a software engineer, started heading to the bar once a week for kratom until COVID-19, when he found himself stuck in his apartment and ordering kratom to his home in bulk.

He tried cutting out kratom, realizing its benefits were shrinking as his tolerance grew, but quickly learned he couldn’t.

“Within 24 hours, I fell into the most painful state of physical agony that I’ve ever been in. I thought I had poisoned myself,” he recalled. “I was afraid I had broken my body. I really thought that I manipulated the chemistry of my brain to the point that kratom is now this inexorable part of me that I have to consume it to just exist.”

Not so lucky

It was the beginning of a long struggle to break kratom addiction that only ended last year.

But 28-year-old Chris Oflyng hasn’t been so lucky. The Wisconsin lawn care specialist has been struggling with kratom addiction on and off since learning about the compound in a YouTube video when he was just 19.

“There was an excuse, like, oh, well, I’m not using harder drugs. I would take it a lot. I would take it instead of drinking,” he told The Post. But soon he couldn’t even make it through a short flight without sneaking a hit.

“I started struggling with the paranoia of keeping the substance with me,” he said. “I’m just spending all this f--king money on kratom,” he recalled, estimating that he’s spent as much as $150 a day on the product.

“I got off of it for a while and then I got addicted to it again. I would throw it away, and then I’d, like, go and get it again,” he said. “I love life so much. That’s what’s so heartbreaking about it.”

Kratom has also been promoted as a way to break addictions to other potentially more dangerous substances, including opioids like heroin, fentanyl, oxycodone and morphine.

Destiny Torgerson decided to try kratom on a friend’s recommendation while pregnant in 2020 to help stave off her cravings for heroin after a few months of sobriety from that substance.

“Everyone really pushed that it was safe and good,” the 29-year-old from Iowa said. “They would tell me it’s just like coffee. It’s just a plant.”

But, after giving birth, she realized she was addicted to kratom.

“It wasn’t even 10 hours without a dose before I was sweating and sick and shaky,” she said. “I wasn’t able to stop.”

Though it did help her curb her heroin cravings, it was causing a whole new collection of cognitive issues. Her memory practically disappeared, as she found herself trailing off mid-sentence, forgetting what she wanted to say. She locked her keys in her car eight times in just one week.

Heroin easier to kick

Again and again, she failed to quit kratom despite her best efforts. In 2024, after four years, she begged her doctor for help, and was only able to get off the substance with aid of prescription medications like gabapentin and Suboxone.

Looking back, she thinks that breaking her kratom addiction was even more difficult than stepping away from heroin.

“I was able to successfully wean off heroin on my own [without prescriptions], but not kratom,” she said. “A lot of people that I know personally switched one addiction for another, like I did.”

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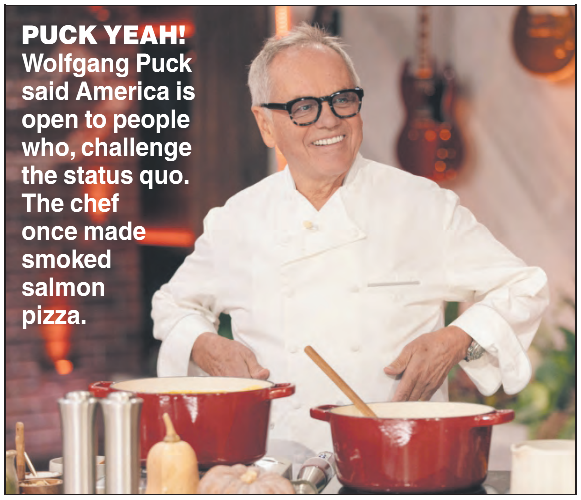
Through July 4, The Post, in conjunction with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream, is featuring US citizens explaining what the American dream means to them in 2026. Among them is Wolfgang Puck, the famous chef and restaurateur, known for restaurants such as Spago in Beverly Hills and catering the official after-party for the Academy Awards every year for the past several decades.


PUCK YEAH! Wolfgang Puck said America is open to people who, challenge the status quo. The chef once made smoked salmon pizza.

I really believe I live the American dream. I grew up in Austria, really poor with no running water, the toilets a hundred yards outside in the backyard somewhere.

We got meat once a week, maybe on Sunday for lunch. And here I am in America, owning 30 restaurants, 80 restaurants in airports, and having 5,000 employees.

I really believe that America is still the land of opportunity. When somebody comes here with a new idea, with something new, people will accept it.

[Un]like in Europe [where], in food, in my business, there is this whole history where you say, you cannot do this, you cannot do that, no people won't like that.

Here, people are very open-minded. I remember when I opened Spago, for example, and we made this pizza with smoked salmon, [if I] would have made that in Milan or in Naples, they would have crucified me . . .

I think that's really what's so great about America. America is open to new ideas, America is open to people who actually challenge the status quo, who actually want to disrupt regular businesses more than in any other place in the world . . .

Rock 'n' roll stars

I really believe with all these different people coming together here, the spirit of entrepreneurship is bigger here than in any other country. And, to me, [it] certainly shows in my field, in the food business. Like 30, 40 years ago, restaurants in America were boring, cooking wasn't even a good profession.

Today, chefs are regarded like artists, as rock and roll stars — whatever you might name it, because of television and everything . . . We have so many young, talented chefs now here who actually have brought American cooking to the top of the world.

The American Dream Video Project showcases real stories that illuminate pathways to opportunity. Featured at the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD), this series is part of the Center's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. For more information, visit mcaad.org.

Platner 'claps' for STI tests

Democratic Maine Senate hopeful Graham Platner commended Planned Parenthood for helping him get tested for sexually transmitted diseases as he grapples with scandals over his alleged adultery and debauchery.

While receiving an endorsement from Planned Parenthood Action Fund's president, the horny oyster farmer heaped praise on the controversial abortion provider and recounted needing its services during his youth.

"I myself at a younger age . . . I got STI checks at the Portland Planned Parenthood. And it's not an embarrassing thing. It's a smart thing to do, especially when you're younger," Platner stressed during an event in Portland, Maine, without revealing the results.

Platner's comments come on the heels of revelations from his former campaign political director that he sexted with multiple women despite being married, having tied the knot with his wife in 2023.

Ryan King

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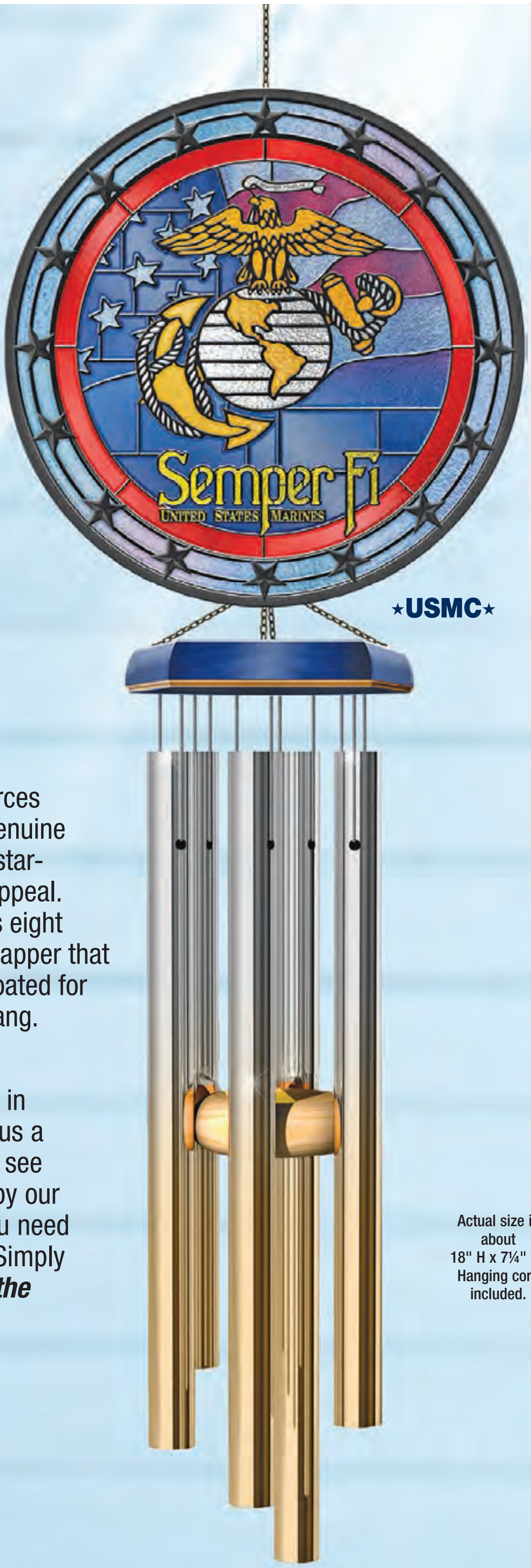

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Times unfit to print

The New York Times
NEW YORK, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015
Michele Coleman

SOFTBALL: A New York Times op-ed painted former White House counsel Kathy Ruemmler (right) as an unwitting Jeffrey Epstein associate, contrary to its own reporting.

AFP

Ep associate profile a newsroom 'stink bomb'

LYDIA MOYNIHAN

AFTER leading the charge on #MeToo, The New York Times is raising eyebrows by giving a sympathetic platform to a Jeffrey Epstein ally and former Obama White House counsel.

Kathryn Ruemmler was at one point even named as an executor of the pedophile's will, although she backed away from it. She has also said she denies full awareness of his years of crimes.

In a softball interview featured in the opinion section June 11, Ruemmler, who resigned in February as Goldman Sachs' general counsel amid the fallout over her emails with Epstein, is portrayed as "oddly naive" and a woman just trying to survive in the cutthroat world of big law.

The author, freelance contributor Ankush Khardori, adds that Ruemmler's "remorse felt genuine" about her relationships with Epstein.

But in the Times newsroom, such a generous portrayal dropped like a "stink bomb," according to sources.

"Everyone thought the story was a joke . . . it was embarrassing," one Times reporter who has covered Epstein told The Post. "[Khardori] didn't even appear to have read our own reporting."

The Times has reported extensively on Ruemmler's ties to Epstein, including the gifts he showered on her, and the fact she referred to him as "sweetie" and "Uncle Jeffrey" and signed off emails to him with "xoxo," according to the more than 10,000 documents released by the Department of Justice.

Attorney or 'lost lamb'

Nathan Werksman, an attorney who has represented four Epstein victims and who pushed New York lawmakers to reopen his estate to lawsuits (a story covered by the Times), said that glossing over accountability for powerful figures like Ruemmler undermines the paper's own mission.

"The biggest flaw in the Times' opinion piece is the argument that it's useless to punish Ruemmler for her extensive personal and professional Epstein ties," Werksman told The Post.

"However, her experience sends a clear message throughout Big Law ranks: Associations with sketchy people can carry real financial and reputational costs. In a profit-driven industry, which Big Law always has been and always will be, that matters."

The piece portrays Ruemmler as feeling pressured to bring in business, claiming she "never would have worked with him if she knew the true extent of his crimes."

Ruemmler also said in the story, "What I did not appreciate at the time and now deeply regret . . . is that Epstein used me, along with many others, to legitimize his standing."

However, the source scoffed that Ruemmler "regrets her career getting damaged."

The sympathetic portrayal of Ruemmler stands in sharp contrast to the Times' own reporting — not only about her, but as a leader of the #MeToo movement to name and shame sexual harassers.

The newspaper's biggest prize in that regard was its exposure of the misdeeds of Harvey Weinstein, which opened the floodgates against many other notable men.

The Post has reached out to Times reporters Jodi Kantor and Meghan Twohey, who broke the Weinstein story, for their stance on the Ruemmler interview.

The newspaper claimed its news and opinion sections "do not coordinate with each other," when asked for comment about the story, adding: "The newsroom and opinion provide insights and understanding to our audiences in different ways, and both offer enormous value."

However, another source familiar with the situation told The Post that Khardori's interview with Ruemmler felt tone-deaf.

"You're either a lost lamb or a powerful attorney, but you can't be both," the source said. "The timing felt too rushed for someone who only stepped down months ago. Maybe wait a minute before trying to whitewash yourself?"

A previous Wall Street Journal story reported Ruemmler "had dozens of meetings with Epstein in the years after her White House service and before she became a top lawyer at Goldman Sachs . . . [Epstein] also planned for her to join a 2015 trip to Paris and a 2017 visit to Epstein's private island in the Caribbean."

As for the Times interview with Ruemmler? Werksman quipped, "Whoever Ruemmler's publicist is, who got that interview placed, deserves a fruit basket."

Vid shows killing of LI psycho

Video shows the moment Southampton cops opened fire on a knife-wielding madman as he stabbed his disabled mother in a horrific Mother's Day attack.

Steven Eastwood, 28, is seen in newly released body-cam footage lumbering out of his mom's Northampton home in what seems like a zombie-like state, clutching a knife and clad in blood-splattered clothes as he gives a menacing blank stare and ignores orders from cops to drop his weapon.

Then he casually strolls back inside without a word to continue his grisly attack.

Officers then follow Eastwood back into the home, where he can be seen lifting the knife over his head in the air to plunge directly into his mother before police open fire, according to the three separate clips released by New York Attorney General Letitia James' office.

Eastwood was shot six times and killed by Southampton Town Police on May 10 after officers responded to multiple frantic 911 calls from his mother that her son was intoxicated, acting violently and armed with a knife, according to police reports.

Miraculously, his mother survived. *Brandon Cruz*

Peru pol rips elex 'fraud'

Peru's leftist presidential candidate Roberto Sanchez said Tuesday he would not recognize the result of the country's presidential runoff, alleging fraud as his conservative rival Keiko Fujimori has a narrow lead.

The declaration raises the prospect of a prolonged political crisis in Peru as the country awaits a final result in one of the closest presidential races in its history.

At a press conference, Sanchez said "fraud is underway" in favor of Fujimori, without providing evidence.

Peru's foreign affairs ministry denied any irregularities in the electoral process.

Reuters

Angel of summer

Actress-model and ex-Victoria's Secret angel Rosie Huntington-Whiteley beats the London heat and wings it over to the cool kids' Serpentine Summer Party celeb fest.

Mike Marsland/WireImage

Juror rips Etan slay rap twist

The lone holdout Manhattan juror in the 2015 Etan Patz murder trial is blasting Monday's US Supreme Court decision to restore the conviction of Pedro Hernandez.

The former juror said he remains convinced the state's case against Hernandez was built on "a house of cards" and the real killer is still out there — decades after the 6-year-old boy's tragic disappearance from a SoHo street in 1979.

"I'm just sad for the [Supreme Court] outcome and sad for what it means for Pedro's Hernandez and his family, and also I think it's not the right closure for New York, and it's not the right closure for the Patz family," said the ex-panelist, Adam Sirois.

Sirois was the only member of the jury at Hernandez's first trial to refuse to find him guilty in the death of Etan, whose national-headline-grabbing disappearance led to him being one of the first missing children depicted on milk cartons. Hernandez, an 18-year-old bodega clerk when Etan disappeared, was retried in 2017 and convicted — before the verdict was reversed. *Peter Senzamici*

NoKo building more warships

North Korea should build two warships as large as its 5,000-metric-ton Choe Hyon vessel every year in the next five years, leader Kim Jong-un said at a commissioning ceremony of a destroyer Tuesday, according to official state media KCNA.

Kim attended the ceremony held at the Nampho port in North Korea to celebrate the deployment of the new multipurpose destroyer, KCNA reported. *Reuters*

'HATER'S ONE BIG PUTTZ'

LI golf dissing match

By BRANDON CRUZ

Stick a South Fork in this guy — he's done!

Long Islanders have a message for a Golf Channel commentator who trashed local fans as a "stain on the game" — saying he should book a one-way ticket back to the mainland on the Hampton Jitney.

"Maybe he should never come back here again," said resident Holly Burton, whose son is an avid golfer.

"If you can't handle the heat in the kitchen, get out."

Golf Channel commentator Eamon Lynch's snide remark on Monday that local golf fans "do not deserve a major championship" irked more islanders than an LIE driver with no passengers hogging the HOV lane during the morning commute

EAMON LYNCH
Ripped LI fans.

The talking head, who is from Ireland, tore into Long Island fans after Wyndham Clark's wire-to-wire US Open victory at Shinnecock Hills — blasting fans for their ceaseless heckling and claiming they "do not deserve a major championship" as he called for the PGA to yank Bethpage Black's 2033 PGA Championship.

"Long Island golf fans are a stain on the game of golf," Lynch said. "That's what we saw at Bethpage, it's what we see every single time we go to Long Island."

Lynch said: "This isn't a New York problem. It doesn't happen at Winged Foot, doesn't happen at Baltusrol on the other side of the Hudson River. It happens on Long Island every single time."

But locals like Burton said the golf snob should get over it — because locals are not gonna fore-get the slight.

"It's just the competitive nature in New Yorkers," she said.

Others used some colorful, f-bomb-filled language to describe Lynch, who picked on Long Islanders and made sure to say his comments were not reflective of other golf fans in New York, including the northern suburbs of Westchester.

"Long Islanders are passionate — whether for good or bad," avid golfer Carlos Cruz said, adding the TV commentator had no right to "talk s--t" about Long Island.

The on-air tirade came after fans were kicked out of Shinnecock Hills on Sunday for their brutal heckling of Clark, shouting at him, "don't choke Wyndham" and "get in the bunker" during his title-clinching final round.

Some locals proudly owned the heckling and spiciness and said Lynch should remember who the Suffolk he is dealing with.

"We take our golf very seriously and tend to be a more obnoxious crowd," Holbrook resident and golf fan Connor Sullivan acknowledged.

But Sullivan said it's what comes with the territory and makes Long Island's courses some of the hardest in the world.

"When I saw he said that Long Island fans are the worst, I hate to admit it, but I kind of agree," 23-year-old Daniel said outside Dick's Sporting Goods in Patchogue on Tuesday.

'Lack of decorum'

Terrence Reid, a Long Island golfer, said the issue is more widespread.

A lack of decorum and turning the sport into a real-life "Happy Gilmore" goes well past the borders of Nassau and Suffolk, said Reid, who golfs regularly.

"I don't think it's necessarily a Long Island thing," he said. "I believe that this social-media era with these young kids wanting to come out here and film everything and don't know the etiquette of the golf game, that's what's ruining golf."

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♋ CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Good news is coming your way, and it is traveling so fast that most likely it will arrive before the weekend. What you discover about a friend or work colleague will restore your faith in human nature. Don't let it escape you again.

♌ LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you get an opportunity to move up in the world over the next few days, you must pounce on it eagerly. The planets warn if you hesitate for even a few moments, one of your rivals will beat you to it, and you may never forgive yourself.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

What is it in life that inspires you the most? Why are you not devoting all your time and energy to it? Whatever the reason may be, you can and you must focus on it now to the exclusion of everything else. Nothing else matters as much.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You always take responsibility for your decisions and actions, but it would appear that a co-worker is trying to lay the blame for their own mistake on someone else. If that someone else is you, don't let them get away with it.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Clear your head of any and all thoughts that are not about moving closer to your long-term goals. As one of the zodiac's most single-minded signs, that should not be too much of a hardship, and the rewards will be worth it.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Risk-taking comes naturally to you and there is every reason to believe that the risks you take over the next two or three days will pay off in a big way. However, come the weekend you would be wise to show a little more self-discipline.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You don't need approval for your latest plan, you just need to believe in what you are doing and go for it with every ounce of passion you possess. As a cardinal sign, you should never be afraid to be the one who takes the initiative.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may have to deal with someone you don't much like today, but if you make an effort to get along with them you may be surprised how easily you can work together. Very different personalities sometimes make very good workmates.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

The world should be a bright and sunny place for you now and if it is not then you need to buck up your ideas and focus more on the good things than the bad. Keep telling yourself that you are extra special, because it's true!

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If your sixth sense keeps nagging at you that you've got something wrong, you would be a fool not to listen. If you try to convince yourself that you are still on the right track you could end up some place you really don't want to be.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The Sun and Jupiter in the most social area of your chart makes this the perfect occasion to get out and about in the world and have a good time. Not everyone will be amused by your antics, but you won't care in the slightest.

♊ GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Make sure partners and loved ones know what it is you expect of them. You may be able to see the bigger picture, but their minds are not as wide-ranging as yours, so spell it out for them in simple terms that everyone can understand.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

If you spend even a single day taking it easy over the coming year, then you won't be living up to your full potential. Promise yourself now that you will never give less than 100% and never accept less than perfection in everything you do.

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Wednesday

Today: Mostly sunny and pleasant. High 78 to 84.

Tonight: Mainly clear. Low 61 to 67.

Thursday

Tomorrow: Partly sunny. High 78 to 84.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy, showers around. Low 65 to 71.

Friday

A few showers. High 79 to 85.

Evening Showers around. Low 65 to 71.

Saturday

A few showers. High 76 to 82.

Evening Partly cloudy. Low 64 to 70.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 71, Low: 66, Mean: 69

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: -6 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.05", Month: 2.97",
Year: 17.40", Normal year to date: 22.79"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 4
Total for the month (normal) 190 (154)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 328 (235)
Last year to date 225
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 68
UV index (for Wed.) .... 11 (Extreme)
Humidity (at noon) 87%

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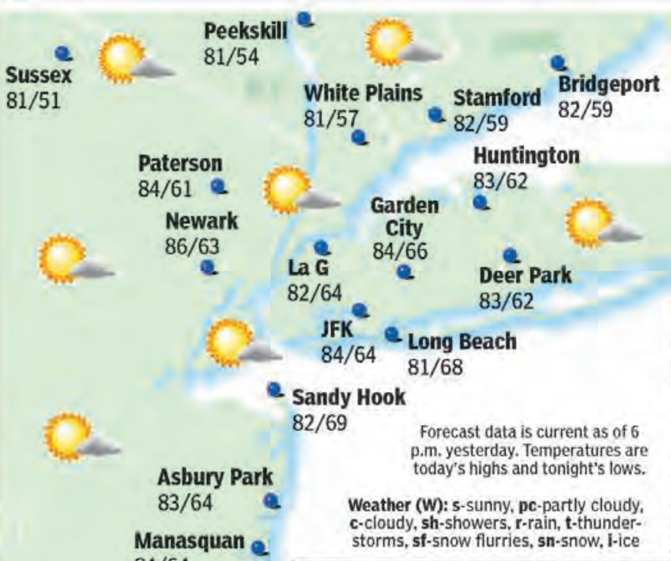
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Sandy Hook 82/69
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Toms River 85/59
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Atlantic City 85/60
Ocean City 84/64

Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 5:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 4:01 p.m.
Moonset today .... 1:34 a.m.

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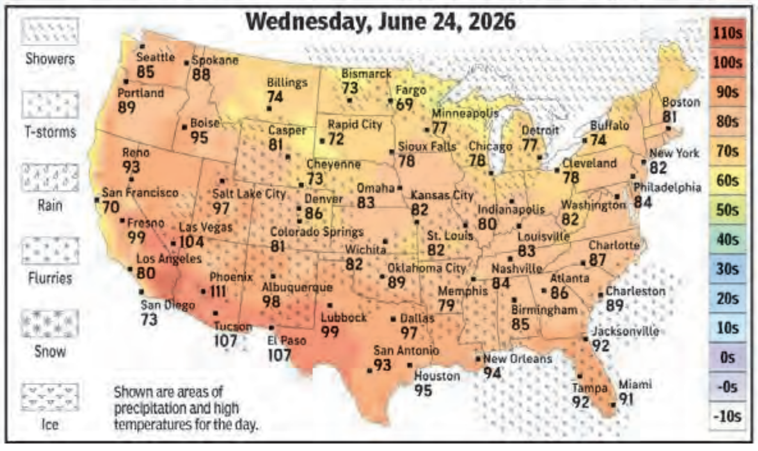
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El Paso 107
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Dallas 97
Birmingham 85
Jacksonville 92
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Tampa 92
Miami 91

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	3:59a	4:37p	4:55a	5:27p
Fire Island	4:18a	5:04p	5:11a	5:49p
Hempstead	8:30a	8:49p	9:27a	9:40p
Huntington	8:09a	8:28p	9:07a	9:20p
Jones Inlet	3:43a	4:21p	4:39a	5:11p
Montauk Point	5:30a	6:02p	6:24a	6:49p
Port Washington	8:39a	8:57p	9:36a	9:48p
Sandy Hook	4:03a	4:41p	4:59a	5:31p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	79/54/s	78/63/t
Danbury	81/54/s	82/64/pc
Glens Falls	79/50/pc	76/59/t
Gr Barrington	78/52/s	81/61/pc
Kingston	83/52/s	83/63/t
Liberty	76/49/s	77/59/t
Monticello	77/50/s	77/61/t
Newburgh	82/52/s	84/64/t
Poughkeepsie	82/54/s	84/64/t
Saratoga Springs	80/53/pc	76/60/t
Stroudsburg	82/54/s	84/62/t
Torrington	79/53/s	82/61/c
Syracuse	77/57/pc	75/61/t

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	89/70/s	92/75/s
Baghdad	104/80/s	109/88/s
Beijing	86/63/s	90/64/s
Berlin	90/66/pc	94/63/s
Cairo	96/73/s	96/74/s
Dublin	71/57/pc	79/61/t
Geneva	94/67/s	95/69/c
Hong Kong	94/85/t	93/85/sh
Jerusalem	83/64/s	83/66/s
Kabul	90/66/s	90/70/s
London	96/68/s	94/74/s
Madrid	101/74/pc	89/67/s
Mexico City	72/55/t	74/56/r
Montreal	76/60/pc	77/63/sh
Moscow	70/55/pc	64/51/sh
Paris	105/72/s	103/75/s
Rio de Janeiro	73/67/r	70/67/r
Rome	90/71/c	91/70/pc
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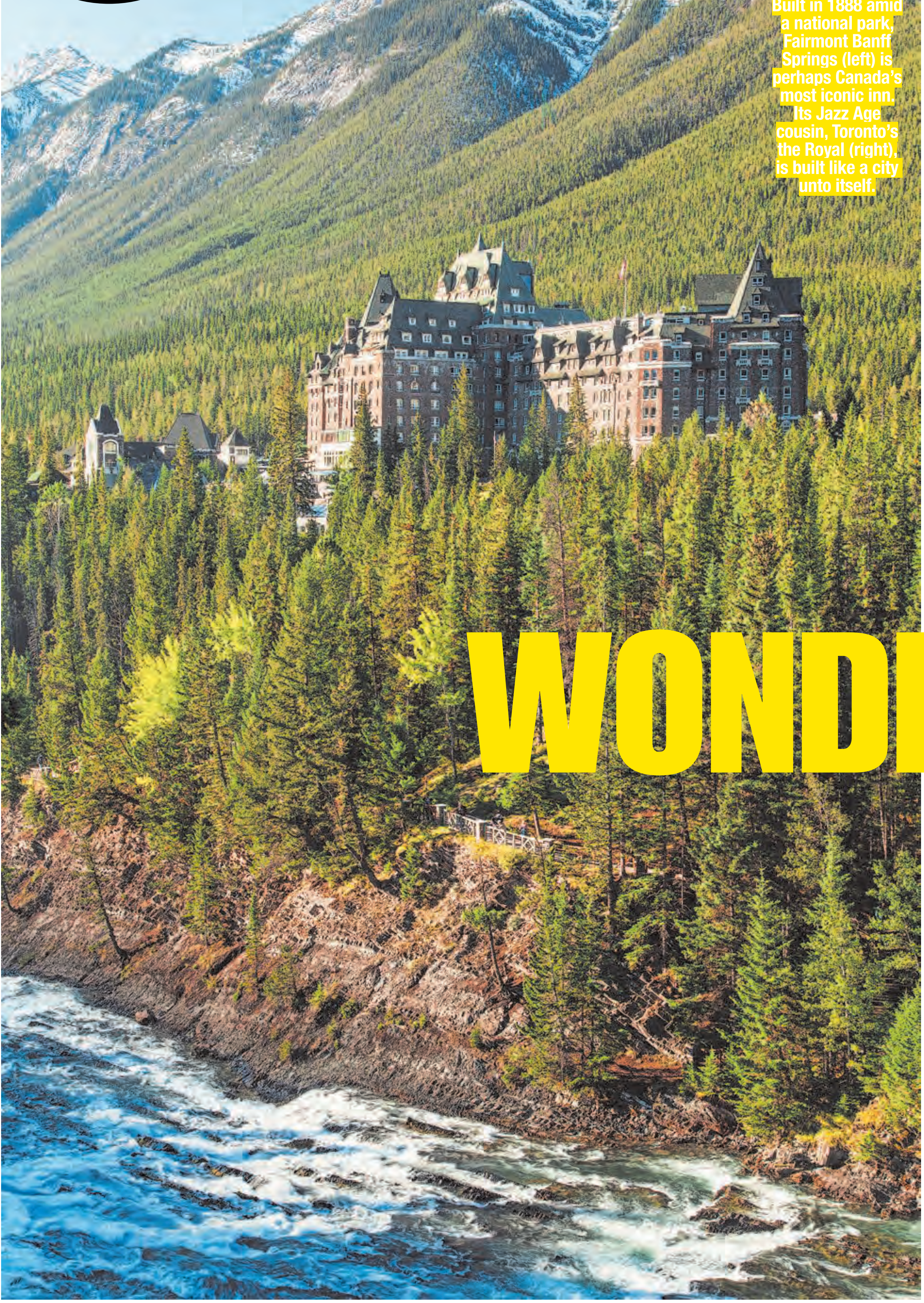
Canada Summer Travel



Built in 1888 amid a national park, Fairmont Banff Springs (left) is perhaps Canada's most iconic inn. Its Jazz Age cousin, Toronto's the Royal (right), is built like a city unto itself.

Fairmont Banff Springs; Fairmont Royal York (inset)

PALACE IN WONDERLAND

A down-the-rabbit-hole guide to Canada's most opulent inns

By MARK ELLWOOD

IN the late 19th century, Queen Victoria was desirous of a railway network across her then-dominion of Canada. But canny Canucks didn't just want cheap freight lines; they had far grander designs.

The railroad would drive tourism from coast to coast, while offsetting the enormous cost of construction. To lure travelers, hotels were built as pilgrimage-worthy landmarks.

"If someone gets off in the middle of a journey, and spends the day in the hotel? It's more revenue for the company," said architectural historian Hal Kalman, who wrote the definitive history of these hotels.

Most were deliberately designed in a mash-up of styles that nodded back to Europe.

"They were created in a uniquely Canadian style," added Craig Baird, host of the "Canadian History Ehx" podcast.

The network of palace-style properties expanded across the country, before falling from favor as car ownership became widespread in the 1950s.

Many were razed, but about a dozen dodged the wrecking ball. We've rounded up the six best — all of which today fly a Fair-

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Pioneer John Palliser lends his name to this Calgary rest stop.

Fairmont Palliser

GRAND CENTRALS

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mont flag, save for the Algonquin) — with cheat sheets, as well as a primer on the unauthorized guests you're likely to encounter.

"All of them are haunted. Every single one," said Baird.

Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff

Date opened: 1888

Vibe: Scottish Lord on the prairie

Quick hit: The 757-room property was built after railway workers discovered natural hot mineral springs here, inside what became Banff National Park. With its own bowling alley, five tennis courts and a 40,000-square-foot spa, it's arguably the most famous of the former railway hotels.

Need to know: No, you're not imagining it: The building doesn't make the most of the views across the valley to Mount Rundle. The original architect snafued on the orientation, designing the H-shaped structure backwards.

Spook factor: You might spot the Ghost Bride, who supposedly tripped on her dress and fell down a marble staircase to her death in the 1920s; or bellman Sam McCauley, the helpful ghost of the Scottish head bellman who died 50 years ago.

The Royal York, Toronto

Date opened: 1929

Vibe: Jazz Age giant

Quick hit: The limestone-clad, 28-story skyscraper sits right across from Union Station, in a prime perch downtown. With more than 1,000 rooms, plus its own concert hall and hospital, it had underground walkways to funnel guests to the train.

Need to know: This is where boldface confabs take place in Canada, from hosting the 2010 G20 summit to a luxe crash pad for celebs during the film festival each fall.

Spook factor: Idle on the eighth floor and you may spot the hotel's most frequent spectral guest: an older man with gray hair, wearing a maroon smoking jacket, who glides silently along the hallway in the dormitory tower.

Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City

Date opened: 1893

Vibe: Urban fairytale

Quick hit: The imposing, turreted wedding cake of a building dominates the skyline of Quebec City with its Loire Valley-inspired design. You might recognize it as the location of the final scene of Hitchcock's 1953 movie "I Confess."

Need to know: The Céline Dion Suite, which honors French Canada's beloved songbird, is decorated with images taken by her own family photographer.

Spook factor: The namesake French nobleman, an early governor of New France in the 1680s, allegedly sits and stares out the window here, yearning for his never-to-arrive fiancée, more than three centuries later.

The Palliser, Calgary

Date opened: 1914

Vibe: Old-school skyscraper

Quick hit: The four-star, 407-room hotel was named after Captain John Palliser, who surveyed Western Canada in the 1850s and was an instant landmark, helping to establish Calgary's rep as more than just a pioneer town.

Need to know: Margaret's Hope, the cuppa served at afternoon tea here, is the hotel's own signature blend. It's grown in Darjeeling in a plantation named after the expat British owner's daughter who died on her way home from India to England.

Spook factor: Look for a man dressed in a railway conductor's uniform wandering the halls or a socialite scampering down the stairs in 1940s dress to the former drawing room.

The Algonquin, St. Andrew's

Date opened: 1889

Vibe: Henry VIII on holiday

Quick hit: Baird says this smaller, 233-room hotel is "the really beautiful, overlooked one," sitting right on New Brunswick's Bay of Fundy. The existing structure is a replacement for the OG, which burned down 25 years after it opened; this incarnation opened a year later. It's part of Marriott's Autograph Collection.

Need to know: Of course, there's great golf in the Canadian town named after its spiritual home. The game has been played here since 1894, but the par-72 you can play today was set out in the last decade by Rod Whitman.

Spook factor: Want a few sleepless nights? Ask for rooms 308 and 373, where strange phenomena has been noticed. Or book room 473, where you might hear the sobs of the Jilted Bride. Stood up at the altar, she jumped out the window.

The Empress, Victoria

Date opened: 1908

Vibe: Versailles in the Highlands

Quick hit: The farthest west of the railway palaces, the 431-room property sits right on Victoria's Inner Harbour with a wide veranda to maximize the views of the water. It was aimed not only at railway travelers but also steamship arrivals from Asia and beyond, connecting across to the east coast by train.

Need to know: It escaped demolition via a 1960s fundraising effort nicknamed Operation Teacup, after its famed afternoon tea — always served, so WAGs report, on cups wide enough that genteel ladies could gossip behind them without their mouths being seen.

Spook factor: Francis Rattenbury, the architect behind the original building, was murdered by his wife's lover at his home in England, but is reputed to roam his beloved hotel as an apparition. Ask for room 712 if you fancy company.

Fairmont's Le Château Frontenac is a European-style fairytale castle.

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Fond-Retouche

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS: Canada's greatest guides lead heli-tours (left) and polar safaris (above and below).

Pete Ramsden

Ice Odyssey by Pursuit

GRAND TOURS

Tap these sap-happy know-it-alls for maximal northern exposure

By PERRI ORMONT BLUMBERG

CANADA is massive, so let the experts at top tour companies do the daunting grunt work of planning your perfect adventure for you. They'll ensure you have the finest experiences moose country has to offer — from hiking in the Rockies to crab fishing from a helicopter cabin.

Below are some of the best guides in the business.

Contiki

Starting and ending in Vancouver, its "Canada and the Rockies" trip is for travelers ages 18 to 35. It weaves through British Columbia and Alberta, including stops in the alpine village of Whistler, the Lillooet Mountain Range, Jasper National Park and the mountain mecca that is Banff. Excursions run the gamut from canoeing along the River of Golden Dreams and oohing and ahhing at trains traveling through the Spiral Tunnels to walking across the Capilano Suspension Bridge in Vancouver and white-water rafting on the Fraser River.

"Jasper gets a lot of attention for its landscapes, but the fireside chat with the Warrior Women is an experience that catches people off guard," said Julia McPhail, Contiki's operations director, of the Indigenous ladies who have called this land home for thousands of years. "Hearing their stories firsthand is so inspiring."

To scope out some of the best landscapes in Banff, visit from mid-September to early October for golden larch season, said McPhail, referring to a type of conifer tree that transforms its needles from green to a golden hue during this time.

Eleven days; from $2,825 per person; departures run June through October.

Natural Habitat Adventures

Arctic in the summer? Oh yah. Marvel as the frozen tundra melts into a landscape of wildflowers as animals frolic freely. On this trip — titled "Churchill's Belugas, Polar Bears and Arctic Wildlife" — globetrotters will get up close, but hopefully not too personal, with Canadian critters. You'll see beluga whale pods as you kayak on the Churchill River and polar bears on guided safaris aboard Polar Rovers.

"Summer in Churchill is simply the most magical time in one of the most amazing places on this planet," said Eleanor Edye, expedition leader for the tour. "Walking the town streets, you'll see locals zipping around on their ATVs as they go out to collect berries, go fishing or visit with friends around a bonfire at the town beach, where you can sit and listen to the sound of beluga whales blowing as you roast a marshmallow."

Seven days; from $9,295 per person; departures on Aug. 12 and Aug. 16.

The Luminaire

As the group reaches the fjord of Princess Louisa Inlet on their signature "Heli-Hiking and Glacier Hunting Above the Clouds" trip special things seem to happen.

"Along the way, we spotted a remarkable number of marine mammals," said Denis Vincent, a Whistler-based pilot-guide of a recent tour. "Hovering above Chatterbox Falls, we caught a gorgeous rainbow, then continued to a scenic viewpoint near Mount Albert for lunch at a table sculpted out of snow."

Magic like that is par for the course in these parts. Sign up and you'll experience a private expedition by helicopter through some of British Columbia's most rugged terrain — coastal fjords, glacial mountain ranges and canyon landscapes that no road reaches — starting and ending in Vancouver, with an immediate private transfer to and from the Whistler helicopter base. You'll travel with a pilot-guide, camp manager and chef as you crab fish directly from the cockpit of the helicopter, stargaze at summit level in a mobile mountain camp and spy orcas, grizzly bears and elk.

Five days; from $15,500 per person; dates available upon request for private groups.

Intrepid Travel

Take it from Heather Warren, Intrepid Travel tour leader for Canada: "Skip the assumption that peak summer is best; many leaders love May and September most."

You may have missed the boat for May, but in September, too, you get fewer crowds, snowy peaks, changing seasons and a much better chance of feeling like you have the Rockies to yourself. During this "Classic Canadian Rockies" expedition, you'll imbibe gin-clear Lake Louise, Moraine, Peyto and Maligne, and walk the ancient ice of Athabasca Glacier before summiting Sulphur Mountain. For Warren, the Icefields Parkway is the real star of the trip.

"Travelers often arrive excited for Banff and leave talking about unexpected wildlife sightings, glacier viewpoints and roadside photo stops along this spectacular stretch of road," she said.

Seven days; from $4,990 per person; departures in August and September.

Much Better Adventures

If you run hot, then let this, "The Ultimate Adventure in British Columbia and Vancouver Island," tour be your cooler-weather summer calling. Capped at 12 attendees, this journey takes you up "The Chief" and along Whistler's High Note Trail. You'll also gape at 800-year-old trees in Cathedral Grove and meander along the trails in Pacific Rim National Park.

Summer is also prime time for glimpsing orcas and humpbacks, and you might also spot sea otters, eagles, starfish, seals, birds, wolves and bears. (The fifth day of the trip, spent exploring Vancouver Island, in particular, is a wildlife trekker's utopia.)

Josiane Bureau, director at Windigo Aventure, a partner of Much Better Adventures, loves the region's gentle terrain and shorter coastal walks.

"Being that close to the water, you can move quietly, and that's when you have better chances to see wildlife, sometimes incredibly close," she said of Clayoquot Sound. "It's a much more intimate way to experience the landscape."

Ten days; from $3,948 per person; departures run July through September.

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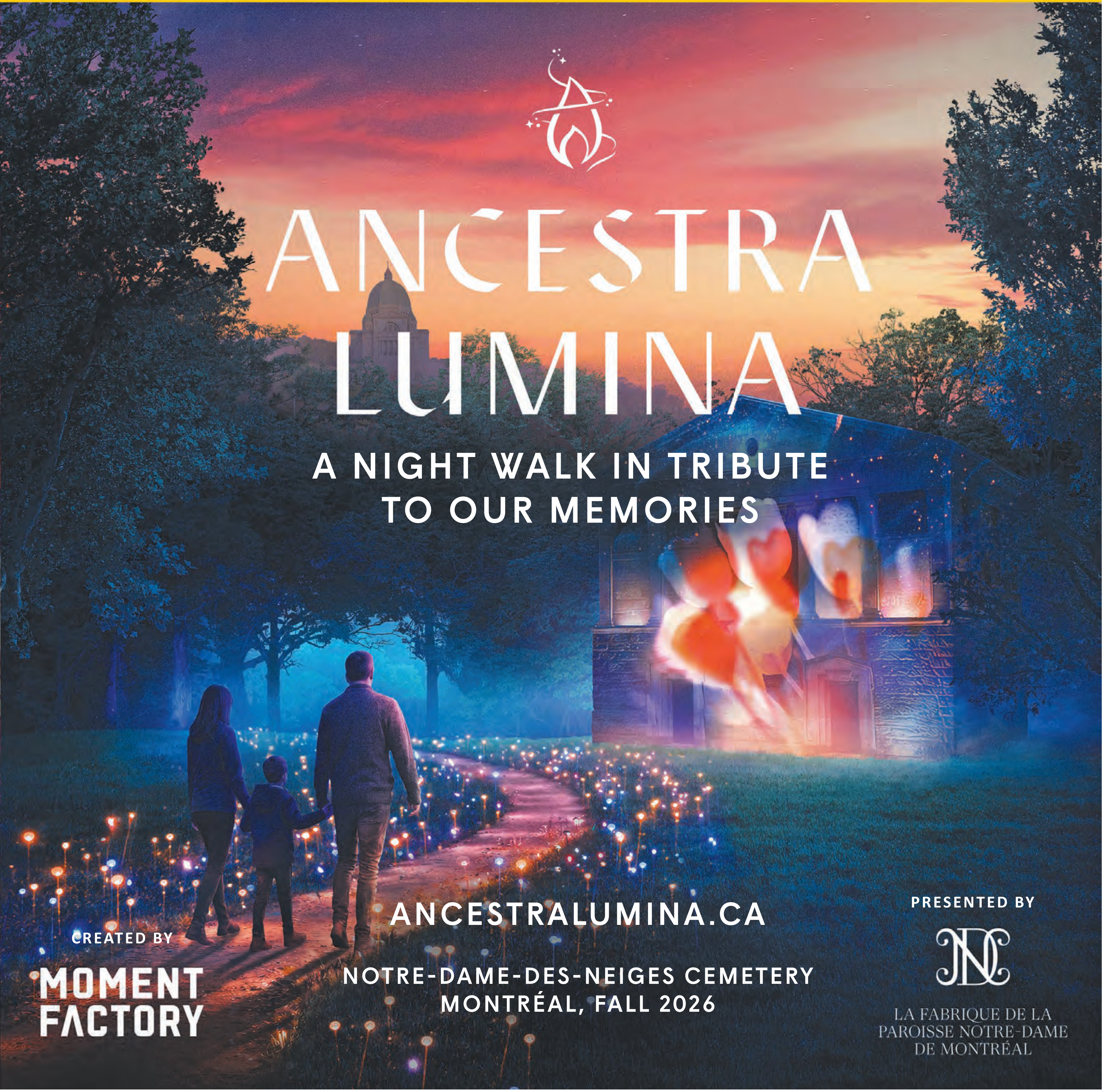

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CANADA JUICE

How to absorb BC's wild wine country

Brody Cameron

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Raise a glass with family-owned Niche Wine Co. in West Kelowna. Stay at stately Hotel Eldorado, which turned 100 in 2024. And don't miss Mission, one of the region's best vineyards.

Hotel Eldorado

Destination BC/Tanya Goehring

By TODD PLUMMER

LAST year, the United Nations named Canada's first "Creative City of Gastronomy."

Was it cosmopolitan Toronto, French-inflected Montreal, or "Hollywood North" Vancouver? No, it was Kelowna, a small city in British Columbia best known to die-hard American skiers as the gateway to Canada's deep powder.

But Kelowna is also the northern seat of the Okanagan Valley, a long, slender corridor where desert scrubland collides with glacier-fed lakes and mountain slopes. The region's unique topography creates a patchwork of microclimates: cooler pockets that excel at pinot noir and crisp sparkling whites, and warmer, drier stretches farther south that ripen cabernet franc and full-bodied Bordeaux-style blends.

The Okanagan Valley has been on Canadian foodies' radars for years, but thanks to this new UNESCO nod, it's finally getting international buzz.

"There's a real spark here," said Joanna Schlosser, the founder of Niche Wine Company and a veteran of the Okanagan's wine industry. "You can feel it in the same way you can feel spring on a farm, like everything is about to take off."

Kelowna's airport broke passenger records in 2025. The population has been swelling. New restaurants, farms and vineyards are conveying the region's entrepreneurial spirit. And with a favorable exchange rate for US dollars, it suddenly doesn't seem so far-fetched that American winos might view the Okanagan as an affordable alternative to Napa, where the average wine tasting fee is over $80.

It's a comparison that locals embrace but — in true Canadian fashion — politely eschew.

"Napa is polished and established, [and] the Okanagan is still in discovery mode," said Schlosser. "Small producers thrive, creativity is everywhere and the landscape feels wild and surprising. So yes, the quality is comparable — but the experience is very different."

It isn't often that visitors can encounter a wine region that still has its vanguard pioneer spirit, and that's precisely what's attracting visitors to the region now.

"Visitors are choosing longer, more intentional stays and seeking experiences that feel authentic, community-driven and closely connected to the region's natural beauty," said Jared Sissons, general manager of Walnut Beach Resort in Osoyoos, the Okanagan Valley's southern terminus (and just over the border from Oroville, Wash.). "People want to meet the makers, touch the land and taste what grows here."

Post-pandemic, the Okanagan has doubled down on experience-based travel including winery visits, culinary workshops, mountain biking tours and watersports on Okanagan Lake. In nearby Vernon, BC, construction is underway on the Okanagan Gondola, a major new attraction set to open in spring 2027 on Predator Ridge Resort, one of the area's top golf retreats. Perched above Kalamalka Lake, the gondola's summit will feature restaurants, walking trails and seasonal programming, with an adventure park to follow in 2028.

Some of those experiences are truly one of a kind. Last summer, three of the valley's most exclusive wineries — Mission Hill Family Estate, Martin's Lane Winery and CedarCreek Estate Winery — unveiled a private yacht wine tour that ferries guests between lakeside tasting rooms.

But don't mistake the Okanagan as some nouveau hot spot just because there's been a lot of growth in recent years. The stately Hotel Eldorado, founded by Irene May Blair, a colorful English divorcée and countess, celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. With a private marina and fantastic lake access, it's still one of the best places to stay in the region a century on.

"Napa leans toward polished, luxury wine culture, while the Okanagan feels more diverse, exploratory and unpretentious," said Tarynn Parker, the Eldorado's director of marketing. "We're not trying to be Napa. We're becoming a uniquely Canadian wine region with our own character and elegance."

So go on and follow the exchange rate north, but if you're searching for Canada's answer to California, you'll be disappointed. The Okanagan Valley is wilder, more welcoming, and fiercely unique. No wonder it's finally stepping into the international spotlight.

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Walnut Beach is seeing an influx of international wine lovers.

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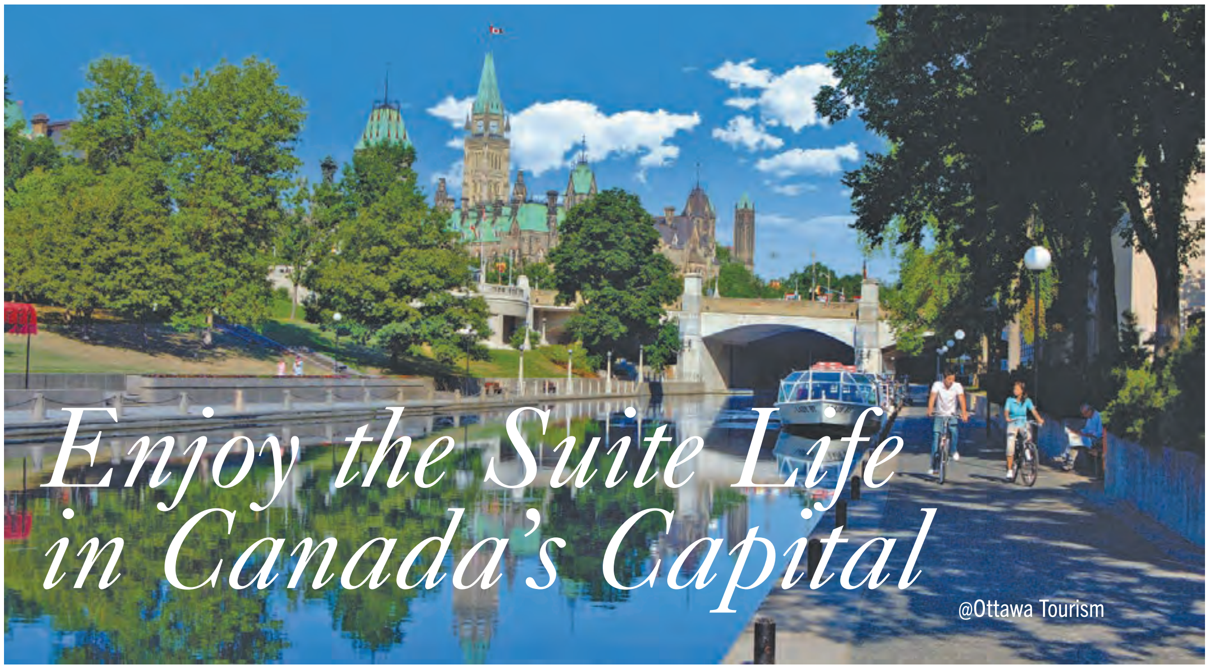

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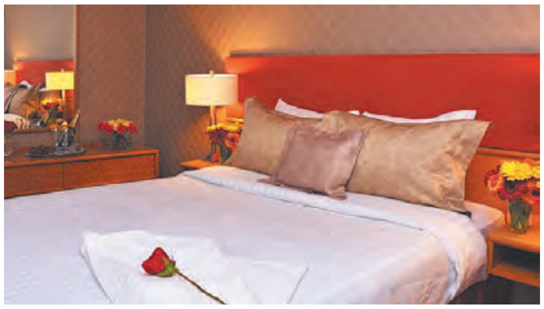

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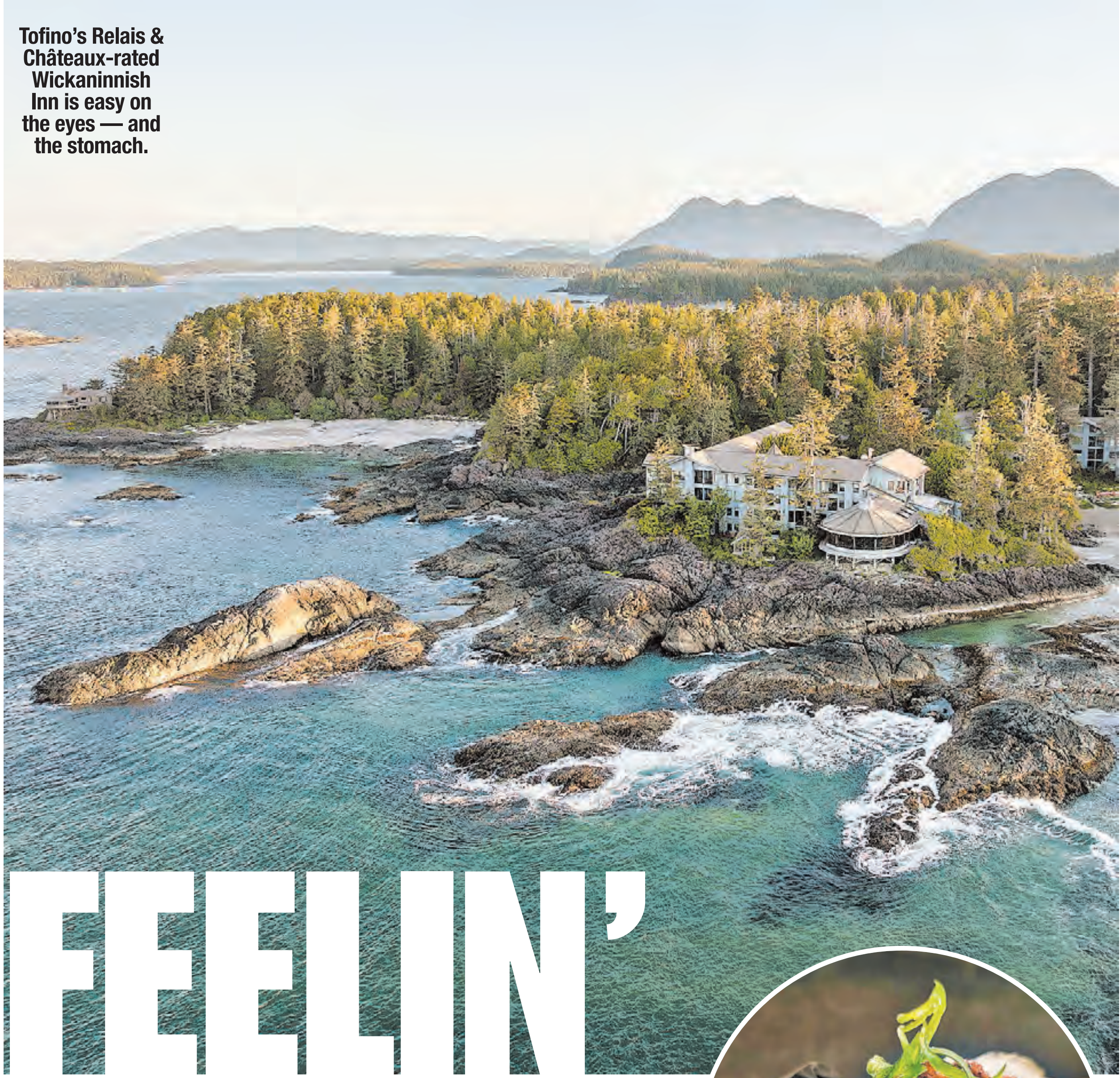

Tofino's Relais & Châteaux-rated Wickaninnish Inn is easy on the eyes — and the stomach.

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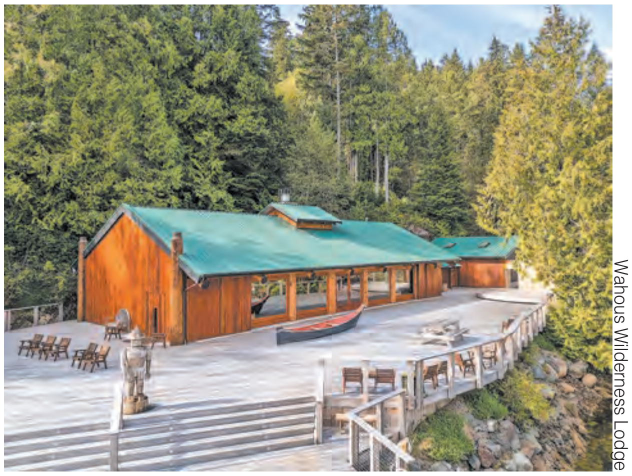


Wahous Wilderness Lodge

Tacofino; Wind Cries Mary (inset)

Local chefs swear by the creative chow at the poetically designated Wolf in the Fog restaurant (top right). The soon-to-open Wahous Wilderness Lodge (middle right) adds a new luxe retreat to Vancouver Island's menu. It is Indigenous-owned and accessible only by boat or seaplane. No trip to Tofino is complete without a stop at homegrown chain Tacofino (above and inset).

FEELIN' TOFINO

Feast on island beauty in this slice of Pacific coast paradise

By PERRI ORMONT BLUMBERG

DO you have Carley Fortune's new summer romance "Our Perfect Storm" on your summer beach reads list? Then it's probably time to add its majestic setting, Tofino, to your travel list. The coastal town on Vancouver Island, home to some 2,500 year-round residents, punches far above its weight.

It's a "magical place," with "a peace you feel just being there," said David Healey of Victoria, capital of British Columbia, also on Vancouver Island. He's the executive chef and partner of Cottage Hospitality Group, which operates Wind Cries Mary, Rudi and Birdman across the island in Victoria.

"Even your drive to arrive, weaving through the luscious forest, is as if you're traveling into a fantasy," he said.

Healey won "Best Tofino Oyster" in 2025 at the Tofino Oyster Fest for his chicken-fried oyster with honey, butter, dill and caviar. So he knows a thing or two about this tiny hamlet's culinary scene — its next biggest draw after natural beauty — and he recommends booking a table at Wolf in the Fog.

"The chef and owner, Nick Nutting, has a passion for the hyper-local products available to him, and I am always in awe of the dishes," said Healey, who is also a fan of Wolf's sister

Beautiful Destinations

George Apostolidis

GLOW UP: Iconic Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge (left and above), an ultra-luxury tented camp, launched new excursions to soak up this summer, including a brilliant bioluminescent tour.

restaurant, Ombré.

Healey's other top picks are The Great Room at Long Beach Lodge and The Bear Bierhaus. This summer, he's particularly excited for the opening of Saltrose Restaurant at the Pacific Sands Resort, pairing a pit master with an executive chef to churn out wood-fired fare.

Dean Seguin, a publisher and travel expert at Travelzoo based in North Vancouver, also sings Tofino's praises. It feels like "the edge of the world in the best possible way," he said of its ancient rainforest, wild Pacific coastline and laid-back surf culture.

"You can watch storm waves roll in during the morning, hike through old-growth forest in the afternoon and enjoy an exceptional seafood dinner overlooking the ocean at sunset," he said.

His go-to is Tacofino, which started in Tofino as a food truck in a surf shop parking lot before expanding into a beloved provincial chain.

"The fish tacos remain legendary, and it's the perfect casual stop after a day of surfing, hiking or beachcombing," said Seguin.

Food coma? When it's time to hit the hay there are plenty of great choices. Try budget options like Best Western Plus Tin Wis (from $174 per night), which has ocean views from every room and a beachside hot tub, or Hotel Zed Tofino (from $179 per night), which Seguin described as a fun, retro-inspired stay tucked into the rainforest just steps from Chesterman Beach.

Or, splurge for the Wickaninnish Inn (from $747 per night), a Relais & Châteaux property, with an on-site spa and the Pointe Restaurant.

"The food is exceptional, the service is world-class, and the setting, perched on the rocks overlooking the Pacific Ocean, is unforgettable," said Nicholas Bardon, a realtor with Oakwyn Realty Ltd., based in Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands.

Another upscale option in the area is Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge (from $2,500 per night), a 25-tent, safari-style outpost perched before the Clayoquot Sound with three new experiences for 2026: nighttime bioluminescence kayaking, a private floating sauna on Tofino's inlets and a guided Flores Island tour through Ahousaht First Nation territory and ancient rainforest.

Speaking of which, Indigenous culture is front and center in Tofino.

"Living and working on lands and waters stewarded by First Nations for millennia gives everyday life there a depth and perspective you simply can't find elsewhere," said Danielle Fox, media and communications manager of Tourism Tofino. "At the heart of Tofino is iisaak (pronounced ee-sock), meaning respect," she said, noting that the spirit of iisaak seeps into everything from business operations to the community's connection to nature.

Indigenous-owned Ahous Adventures knows nature.

Kyler Vos for Tourism Tofino

To support Indigenous people, take a guided boat tour with Ahous Adventures, owned and operated by the Ahousaht Nation, providing tourists the opportunity to see bears, whales and sea otters.

"As you depart from the dock, you experience their traditional territory through the eyes and stories of your captain, who shares history through stories and songs passed down for generations," said Fox.

In July, the Wahous Wilderness Lodge (from $1,800 per night, all-inclusive for two guests; three-night minimum), an Indigenous-owned retreat on protected rainforest and freshwater lakes in Clayoquot Sound accessible only by boat or seaplane, is set to open.

Even more Mother Nature is within walking distance of Tofino's downtown core.

"I'm not a surfer but I'm a dog mom so Pinky and I love the beaches and the Tonquin Trail," said Erika Greenland, owner of Blue Crush, a vacation rental company in Tofino and nearby Ucluelet.

A bit further out, albeit only six or so miles from Tofino, Seguin points visitors to Pacific Rim National Park, singling out Long Beach. "The beach changes constantly with wind and weather, from glassy, reflective mornings to moody, surf-pounded afternoons where the ocean feels alive and unpredictable," he said.

The park is also home to the Rainforest Trail, offering an accessible and peaceful walk on elevated boardwalks that wind through a cathedral of ancient cedar and hemlock.

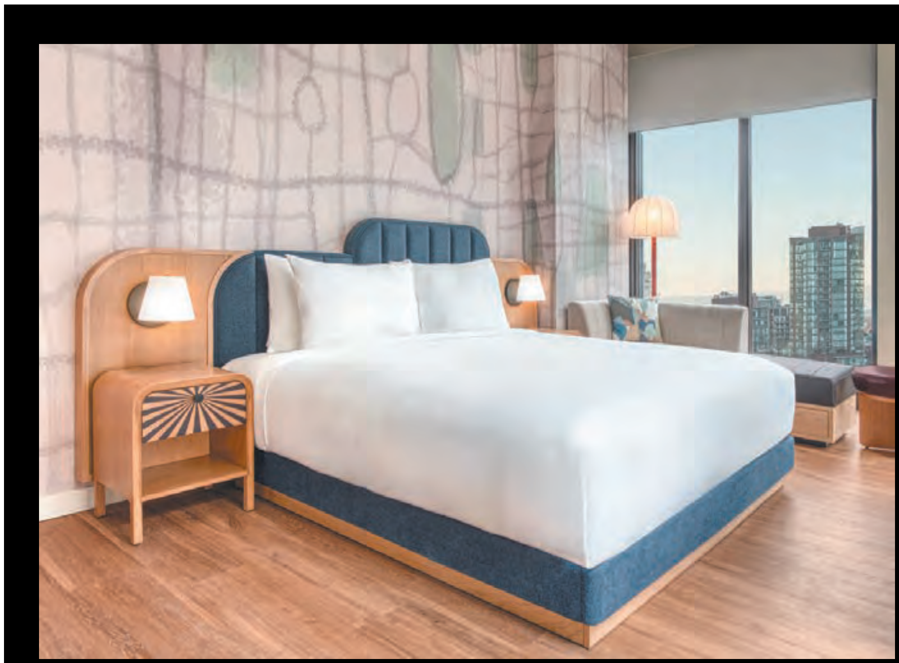
Bardon, meanwhile, likes to venture to Hot Springs Cove.

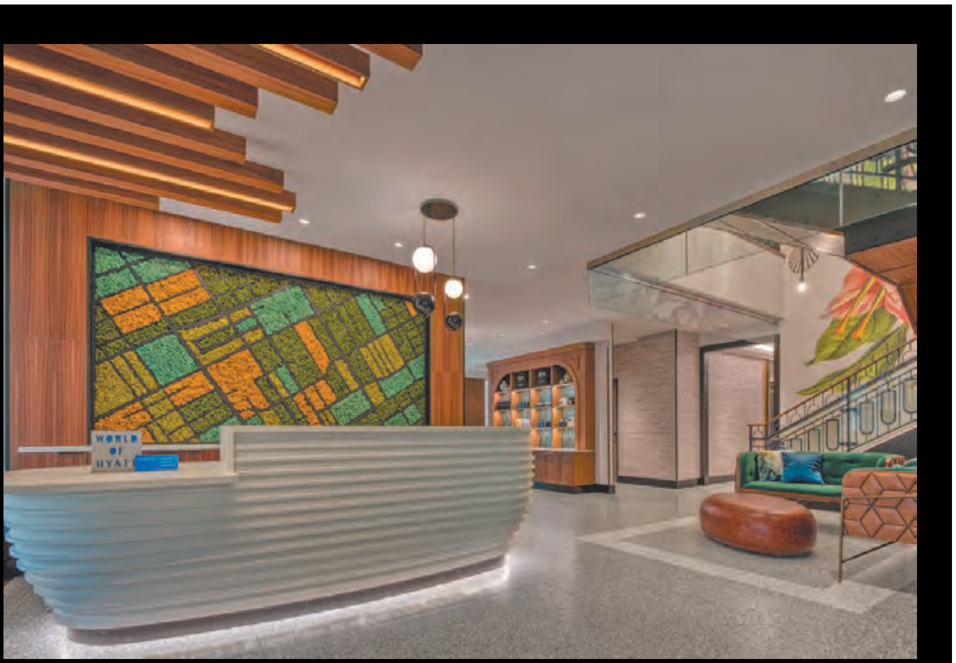
"You can reach it by boat or floatplane, and the journey itself is half the fun," he said. "You'll often spot whales, sea lions, eagles and other wildlife along the way. After arriving, there's a scenic boardwalk through old-growth rainforest that leads to a series of natural geothermal pools perched right on the edge of the Pacific Ocean."

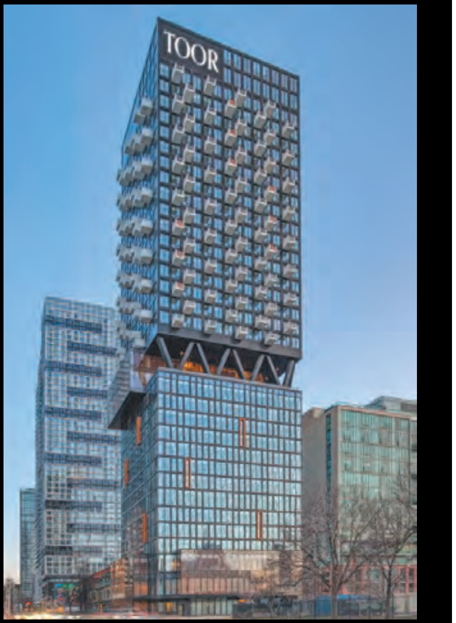
Head there with a swimsuit, a towel and a few beverages from Tofino Brewing Co., and you're set for one of the best days you can have on the West Coast.

But don't let a summer stint in this enchanted place be your only Tofino rodeo: "Storm watching in the autumn and winter is always enjoyable," said Healey.

Getting there: Take the roughly one-hour, 45-minute ferry from Horseshoe Bay in Vancouver to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. From there, it's a three-hour drive to Tofino.







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Unhinged: Mamdani's vile rally rant sparked fears of further violence.

ANDREA PEYSER

NEXT week the world will be given a profound demonstration of resilience under unimaginable circumstances. And a media blackout may succeed in silencing it.

On July 1, Jerusalem will host the opening ceremonies for the 22nd Maccabiah Games, the first to be staged since the bloody and unprovoked Hamas massacre of Oct. 7, 2023. Thousands of athletes from all over the world will compete in the 13-day event sometimes known as the Jewish Olympics — a misnomer: people of all races and religions take part.

It should be a joyous celebration of athletic prowess in a Middle East scarred by relentless war and the constant threat of missile and drone attacks. The games, attracting a wealth of competitors second only to the Olympics, have been played since 1932, before the founding of the Jewish state.

Through global depressions, a world war and the Holocaust, against all odds, they've survived — like Judaism itself.

So why has almost no one on this side of the Atlantic heard of them? You'd think there'd be cheers, fireworks, media hype, sponsorship deals. You'd expect American news outlets to be clamoring for images of our warriors getting ready to rumble for the red, white and blue — along with the blue and white. You'd be wrong.

When it comes to Maccabiah, there's almost complete press silence — even when a sitting US president attends, as Joe Biden did in 2022.

Why? The answer is as old as antisemitism itself.

My daughter is making the journey to Israel next week to compete in rugby (after taking home the gold with her field-hockey team four years ago). But instead of scheduling TV interviews as she packs to join nearly 1,000 Americans and up to 10,000 other athletes in the Holy Land — crickets.

The silence is teaching her a grave lesson about hatred. The vacuum speaks volumes: It amounts to erasure.

Her father and I have had to explain that all things connected to the Jewish state are either widely condemned by the woke media, or simply ignored. The examples are endless.

This month actress and entrepreneur Gwyneth Paltrow, a rare Hollywood supporter of Israel, risked career homicide — and earned my deepest respect — by daring to appear in an ad hawking high-end Israeli real estate. It's the kind of elegant endorsement common among film types (think George Clooney's partnership with Nespresso).

But while such celebrity deals may evoke amusement, they almost never spur unhinged explosions of vitriol — except, apparently, when Israel is involved. Gwyn's ad caused online ghouls to erupt in unbridled and false accusations that she was promoting "genocide." They invented the term "Gwynocide" to bash her, something I'd find funny if it weren't so pathetically twisted.

Legendary comedian Jerry Seinfeld also found himself at the blunt end of the online cudgel this month. While exiting Madison Square Garden after a Knicks game, Seinfeld was ambushed by an anti-Israel streamer who goaded him to say, "Free Palestine."

"It doesn't exist," Seinfeld accurately responded. (Go Jerry!) Unsurprisingly, lefty Rep. Ilhan Omar piled on abuse, calling his words "disturbing," "dangerous," and "genocidal" — but failing to address whether Palestine, in fact, exists.

Topping the haters is New York City's socialist, Israel-despising chief executive. At a June 18 campaign rally, Mayor Mamdani unleashed an unhinged rant, branding the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and its supporters "monsters."

He whipped out the old saw about wealthy Jews plotting government control, then disgustingly accused AIPAC of spending "millions in dark money" to ensure pro-Israel candidates win congressional seats in November's midterm elections.

"Now is the time of monsters," Mamdani proclaimed. "These monsters take many forms today," he continued — including "in AIPAC, for whom the only thing more frightening than democracy being allowed to run its course is an end to genocide and Netanyahu's wars."

Mamdani's remarks were so incendiary, many feared they would further ignite the violence already rampant against New York's Jewish communities.

Yet the mayor is partly right. Monsters *do* take many forms.

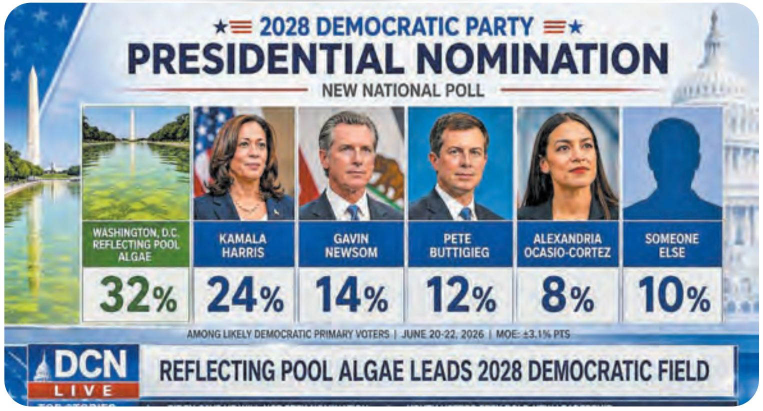
They live in those who promote blood libels like "genocide" to destroy the careers of those who support Israel. They lurk among cowards who use the internet to promote violence against Jews.

They prowl coffee shops and food co-ops to blindside Jewish customers with sneak attacks. Monsters work to erase young athletes who are proud of America — and of Israel, too.

Monsters can even take the form of mayors whose hatred is so all-consuming, no Jew is safe.

THE WEEK'S BEST OF The Babylon Bee

Headlines from America's satirical news source, babylonbee.com



2028 DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

NEW NATIONAL POLL

WASHINGTON, D.C. REFLECTING POOL ALGAE	KAMALA HARRIS	GAVIN NEWSOM	PETE BUTTIGIEG	ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ	SOMEONE ELSE
32%	24%	14%	12%	8%	10%

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REFLECTING POOL ALGAE LEADS 2028 DEMOCRATIC FIELD

Reflecting pool algae surges ahead of Kamala in 2028 Democrat Presidential Polls

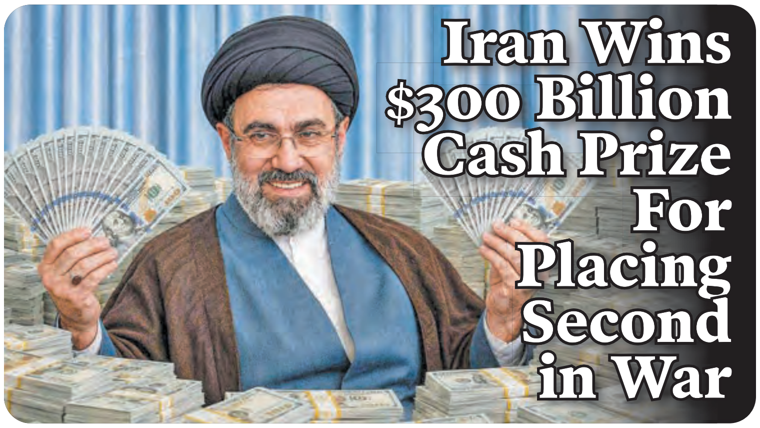
"I'll vote for anyone or anything that opposes Donald Trump, be it Kamala Harris, Gavin Newsom, or non-sentient green pond scum," Democrats Thomas Miller said. "To be honest, the pond scum has the best platform proposals right now of any of the other candidates."

Prominent Muslim leader resigns

"It is time for someone else to lead the intifada," said Starmer, standing outside the Prime Minister's residence at 10 Downing Street. "You know, 10 years ago, you couldn't stab a native citizen and have the police arrest him while he's dying. I'm extremely proud of the progress we've made."

'Now Witness the Firepower of this Fully Armed and Operational Battle Station,' Cackles Obama

At publishing time, Obama had asked for someone to please kill Biden and take Joe's place at his side.



Iran Wins $300 Billion Cash Prize For Placing Second in War

When asked what they're going to do with all the money, Khamenei said, "I'm going to blow up Disney World!"

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Never Hand Iran the Strait

Whatever else comes out of the negotiations with Iran, the United States cannot allow Iran to set *any* kind of toll or "user fee" on the Strait of Hormuz.

President Trump couldn't send any worse signal of weakness to the rest of the world, both our allies and our enemies.

Even the "insurance" version would devastate Western shipping, slamming the US economy far more than the disruptions from Iran's recent *temporary* closure.

It's just *madness*, abandoning a bedrock American principle vital to our national interests, going back to when Tom Jefferson sent the Navy and Marines to the shores of Tripoli.

No nation can have *any rights or sovereignty whatsoever* over the Strait. Let this pass, and the Houthis will soon charge for the nearby Bab al Mandab; next someone will hold the Strait of Malacca hostage.

Freedom of navigation is *real*, longstanding international law, far different from all the piffle modern lefties try to add.

The hint in Point No. 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding is bad enough: Iran and Oman will "define the future administration and maritime services in the Strait of Hormuz, in discussions with other Persian Gulf Littoral States." Vice President JD Vance says it's *fine* for those nations to "figure out a proper security framework for the straits."

Nuts to that!

However much the Iranians demand it, *just tell them no:* It's not like they've put anything hard and real on the table, anyway.

Even President Barack Obama and his idiots never tried a giveaway on this scale.

Iran's already telling all ships to register with its Persian Gulf Strait Authority to ensure safe passage and to sign up to buy Iranian "insurance" in 60 days. This is a Mafia-style protection racket, pure and simple.

The only "security" ships would conceivably need in the Gulf is from Iranian attacks, and that's why we have the Navy and Marines.

Marco Rubio insisted Tuesday: "No country is allowed to charge tolls or fees on an international waterway." If so, why did the Secretary of State allow negotiators to give Iran and Oman a say at all?

Has the president gotten his secretaries of Commerce, Energy, Transportation and Treasury to weigh in here? Whoever is selling the idea in the Oval Offfice that it's OK to even consider sacrificing free passage in the strait should be barred from the White House.

Trump claims Iran wants a peace accord more than we do. His team should *act* like it, set the terms — and ensure the Strait remains as open and free as it's always been.

Beware the Wiki-Authoritarians

Wikipedia's leftist bias is so deep that an anonymous administrator of the free online encyclopedia recently got one of the site's founders banned for the crime of . . . pointing out Wikipedia's leftist bias.

Banning critic Larry Sanger — who *invented* the name "Wikipedia" — proved his point: "Wokepedia" is dominated by ideologically slanted dweebs with fixed ideas about gender, Palestine, COVID and climate change, eager to suppress any deviation from the consensus they impose.

The principle behind Wikipedia is that open-source editing will course-correct the slant of individual contributors. But Sanger says that 62 mostly anonymous administrators (who have the authority to freeze pages and block editors) exercise dictatorial power over pet topics.

One such despot, "TarnishedPath," led the campaign to ban Sanger and imposed a moratorium on edits of Wikipedia's horribly biased Zionism article, pushed to defame feminist JK Rowling as transphobic and called the Wuhan lab leak hypothesis a "conspiracy theory" and "a political smear."

Look at Wikipedia's list of acceptable sources. Left-leaning outlets like CNN and Al Jazeera are graded green for "reliable," while The Post is red, or "generally unreliable." China Daily — the organ of the *Chinese Communist Party* — gets marked yellow for sometimes reliable. You know, sometimes the CCP fudges the truth a little . . . but often it's a real straight shooter!

Across today's knowledge economy, extremists define their positions as undebatable. This drive to set the parameters of debate is utterly authoritarian.

Opening up Wikipedia's echo chamber would be a good first step toward bringing truth back into common discourse.

Mamdani's Sad Chancellor Choices

We're glad to hear that Mayor Mamdani has his minions looking to replace his tainted schools chancellor, Kamar Samuels, but we have little hope the mayor will actually choose anyone *good* for the job.

The immediate cause for Samuels' ouster would be The Post's reporting on how he approved a $180,000 no-bid contract with a non-DOE-approved vendor when he was a Manhattan district superintendent. Then his No. 2 took the blame, and Samuels later rewarded that fall gal once he became chancellor.

Yet the replacements City Hall is considering don't look much cleaner: Meisha Ross Porter, the last de Blasio chancellor, hopes to return, but *she's* tainted by financial scandals at a Bronx charity she ran.

How many of the adults running the city's public-school system are dirty? A system that spends $45 billion a year, over $42,000 per student, has a *lot* of room for siphoning off cash to one crony or another.

Just by picking Samuels in the first place, Mamdani signaled he only wants to avoid headaches. If the city's parents want the mayor to start caring about their future, we guess they need to start making some TikTok videos to get his attention.

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Vance's Israel-Bashing: Choosing Enemy Over Ally

THE ISSUE: Vice President JD Vance stands by the decision to exclude Israel from negotiations with Iran.

JD Vance

•Michael Goodwin says it like it is; Vice President JD Vance's verbal attacks on Israel should force us to consider whether Israel would be subject to the same vilification if it were not a Jewish state ("Attacks on Israel make zero sense," June 21).

The actions of America's outright enemies never seem to garner the same criticism. Vance's attacks serve as a reminder that Israel stands alone.

S.P. Hersh
Lawrence

•Vance tore into Israeli critics of the new so-called Iran deal, claiming America is Israel's only ally. He has it backward: In the neighborhood where Israel is located, Israel is the only real ally of the United States.

A deal that doesn't remove the threat of Iran on the world stage is not a deal — it's a terrorist explosion waiting to happen.

Chaim Weinstein
Brooklyn

•Is Goodwin fighting for American or Israeli causes here? Trump was always going to do what he felt was right for the United States, not Israel. It's MAGA — not MIGA.

Israel gets away with a lot because of America's backing. For far too long, Israelis have used what the Nazis did to them as an excuse to lash out at anyone who does them harm. But now that they have leveled Gaza, it's time for the Middle East to get peaceful.

Other countries have dealt with atrocities and not one has been able to get away with what Israel has done for close to 100 years now.

James Schwartz
Summit, NJ

•With America's birthday approaching next month, Trump should be waving the red, white and blue in celebration — not the white flag of surrender to Iran. Meanwhile, Vance warns Israel, mafia-style, not to dare criticize the administration that has shamelessly betrayed it.

At a time when many Democrats are antisemites, the White House appears determined to surpass their fecklessness by bowing before Tehran, humiliating America before the world.

Stephen Silver
San Francisco, Calif.

•Everyone blames Israel for breaking up the peace process between the United States and Iran. This is so wrong. Israelis have the right to defend their country.

Iran has conned everyone in the world. Its regime has to go. With its current leaders, Iran will never keep a peace deal. They will keep building their arsenal bigger and bigger. Trump has to get rid of the regime.

Mo Colarusso
Manhattan

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Mamdani Is the Real 'Monster'

THE ISSUE: Mayor Mamdani calling the American Israel Public Affairs Committee "monsters."

•Mayor Mamdani accused the American Israel Public Affairs Committee of being monsters who "turn us against one another ("Rabbi: Zo full of hatred," June 22)."

The real monster who turns people against Jews and Israelis — at a time when antisemitic violence has skyrocketed in New York City — has a beard and a nice smile.

Samantha Bella
Manhattan

•I am sick of Mamdani accusing Israel of committing genocide. Genocide is the total destruction of a human group. If Israel wanted to do that, it wouldn't have covered Gaza with leaflets for civilians to get out.

How can we allow the mayor of a city with a large Jewish population to spread these lies?

Miriam Fiber
Teraneck, NJ

•The mayor never misses an opportunity to show his true antisemitic feelings. Calling AIPAC monsters is beyond the pale.

Kudos to Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz for calling him out on his hateful rhetoric. The Jews in New York are in a very precarious position. The only monsters here are Mamdani and his followers.

J.J. Levine
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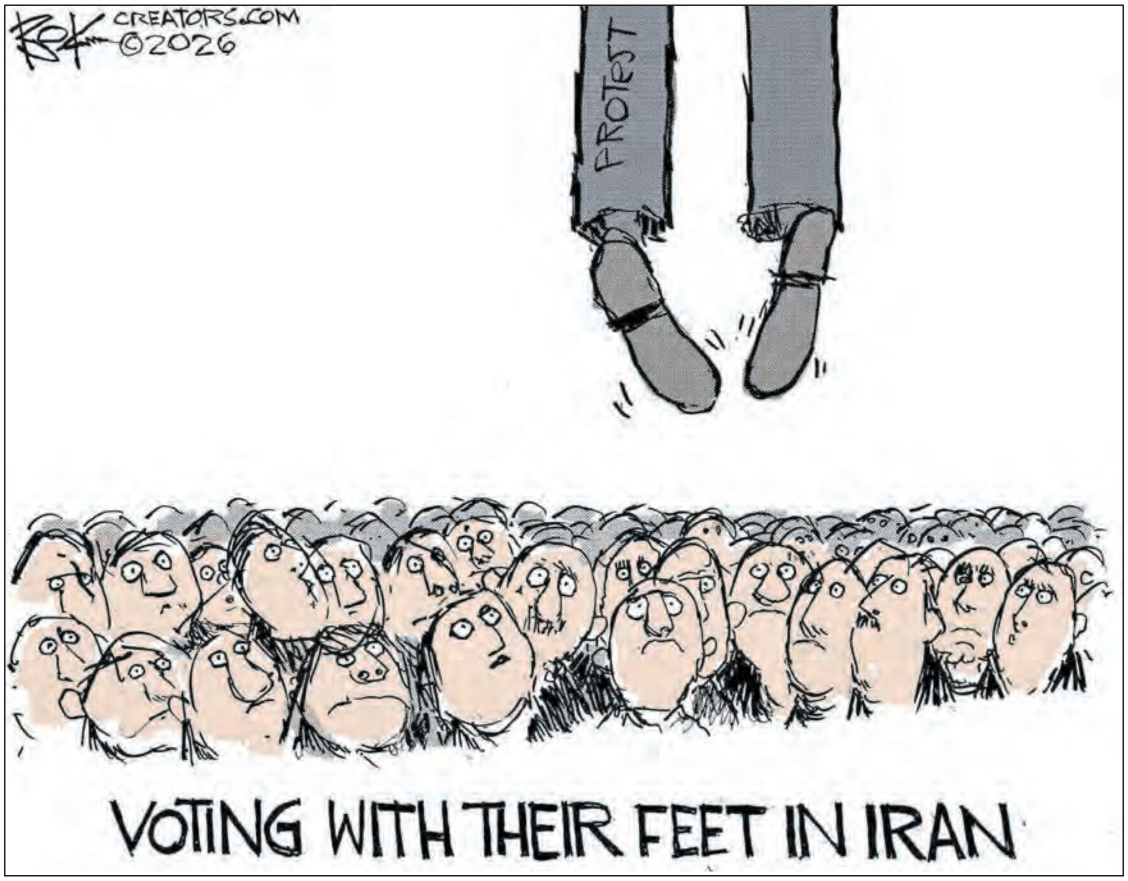

TRUMP'S BIG RETREATS

PRESIDENT Trump has been musing about whether he's the most powerful man in world history — and judging by the results lately, the answer is definitely "no." It's certainly true that Trump has technical tools at his disposal that would have astounded famous pre-20th century contenders for the title of most powerful man, whether Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great or Napoleon.

Trump's power, though, isn't defined by, say, the precision and explosive punch of the Tomahawk missile. As the leader of a constitutional republic that disperses power and depends ultimately on democratic consent, Trump is operating under constraints that routinely blunt his ambitions.

If the theme of the first year of this term was aggression on all fronts, his second year has so far been defined by significant retreats.

Late last year, Trump surged DHS forces into Minneapolis, seeking to make an example of the Twin Cities after Somali immigrants were implicated in welfare-fraud schemes. When the operation was met by fierce opposition from city and state leaders and resistance in the streets, the administration steeled itself for a gargantuan test of wills — before Trump, realizing he was losing the battle of political optics, sent Tom Homan to Minneapolis to unwind the operation.

Last month, the Justice Department settled a $10 billion lawsuit that Trump filed against the IRS over the leak of his tax returns. The department agreed to create a $1.8 billion fund for the compensation of victims of Democratic lawfare — a slush fund for his allies, presumably including Jan. 6 rioters.

Faced with adverse legal rulings and Senate opposition, the administration abandoned the scheme that it had initially touted as a means to "right the wrongs that were previously done while ensuring this never happens again."

Then, of course, Trump signed a cease-fire with Iran that wasn't close to the "unconditional surrender" he'd demanded. The 14-point agreement included more American than Iranian concessions; Trump admitted Tehran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz forced his hand.

RICH LOWRY

None of these were incidental initiatives. They all involved core commitments of this president — to mass deportation, to turning on its head the lawfare campaign against him and to denying the Iranian regime a nuclear weapon.

They were also overreaches that displayed a heedlessness born of hubris. Trump had already driven down overall migration when he surged ICE into Minneapolis; had already pardoned the Jan. 6 rioters when his DOJ created the weaponization fund; and had already struck a punishing blow against the Iranian nuclear program via Midnight Hammer when he launched Operation Epic Fury.

Trump isn't one for incremental progress toward an objective. He prefers the grand gesture and the big gamble. He's drawn to the bridge too far when a drive a couple of blocks down the street would do just fine.

The worry about Trump was that he'd be unconstrained in his second term, and indeed, he's fashioned a team that is loath to tell him "no." But he's subject to checks from the other branches of government — and, even more, from routine political pressures.

Nothing formally compelled him to remove DHS forces from Minneapolis, or to relieve the military pressure on Iran, both within his legitimate powers. It was the poor polling, and the potential damage to Republican prospects in the midterms, that obliged Trump to declare victory and go home.

The president may enjoy thinking of how he can do things that a Roman emperor never would have imagined — yet Marcus Aurelius wasn't hyper-sensitive to the latest public-opinion surveys. As the creature of a democratic republic, Trump is mindful of those considerations, which is one reason it's been a year of retreats.

Trump, surely, doesn't think of it that way. As Gen. Oliver Smith put it during the Korean War, he's merely attacking in a different direction — although not the one he'd intended.

Unions' Sneaky Aim: Gut NY Charter Law

ERIC GRANNIS

STRIVE is a new charter school set to open in the South Bronx this fall that's designed to serve the needs of working families. We'll be open to our elementary-grade students with flexible hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week, 12 months a year, so we can combine rigorous academics with ample extracurriculars.

Parents love the idea — but not the state and city teachers' unions. Last week the United Federation of Teachers and New York State United Teachers sued to stop us from opening, claiming that we're violating the state's charter-school cap.

It's nonsense: We're not increasing the number of charter schools. We're simply taking over an existing charter school that's now operating out of the same building. And we're doing so with the blessing of the State University of New York, the school's authorizer.

Just like prior lawsuits the unions have brought against charter schools, this one will be dismissed for lack of standing — and the union knows it. So why bother bringing it? To bolster the UFT's continuing campaign meant to hollow out New York's charter-school law.

More than a quarter-century ago, the law's authors feared the State Education Department would drag its feet on authorizing charter schools. After all, charters compete with the government-run district schools SED regulates: Giving it sole authority to bless new charter schools would be like giving McDonald's the power to decide how many stores Burger King could open.

To address this, legislators gave authorizing authority to both SED and to SUNY, the regulator that gave Strive the green light. It's played out just as predicted.

SUNY has authorized schools energetically (its schools serve 117,000 children) while SED has done so ambivalently (its schools serve only 40,000). Not only has SED been slow to permit its own charters, it recently filed an affidavit backing a teachers' union lawsuit to prevent two other SUNY-authorized schools from opening.

"The unions hope to convince lawmakers of a lie."

Now the unions want to put SUNY under SED's control, claiming that SUNY's ability to authorize charter schools against the wishes of SED is a "loophole." It isn't: It's a feature, not a bug — another argument that will be DOA in court.

But the court isn't the real audience, anyway: Legislators in Albany are. The unions hope to convince lawmakers of a lie: that stripping SUNY of its authorizing autonomy would merely fix an unfortunate legislative drafting error. And if they succeed, New York's children will suffer.

Not only would fewer charters be authorized, those that are allowed would be worse. SUNY has achieved an astonishing record of authorizing high-performing charter schools under Board President Merryl Tisch and attorney Joseph Belluck, who has chaired SUNY's charter-school committee for the last 14 years.

At SUNY-sanctioned charter schools, 15% more students are proficient in reading than in district schools, and 13% more students are proficient in math. These schools do so despite serving more economically disadvantaged students than district schools (82% vs. 56%) and more minority students (95% vs. 53%).

Students in SUNY's charter schools are demographically similar to those in East Harlem (85% economically disadvantaged; median household income $45,000) — but they perform at levels comparable to schools in Long Island's relatively affluent Port Jefferson (median household income $145,000). Even more startling is the gap between the charter schools authorized by SUNY and those authorized by SED: 17 points in reading and 21 points in math.

But the unions and their allies don't care about that. To the contrary, the better SUNY gets at authorizing charter schools, the more vitriolic the attacks on it become.

That's because the unions would actually prefer inept and lethargic authorization, thereby diminishing competition with unionized district schools. Hence the all-out effort to put SUNY, with its admirable authorization record, under the control of the less-than-stellar SED.

The unions and their allies are using Strive to push a false narrative that SUNY's authorizing is somehow lax, claiming that it has violated the hard cap on charters.

It's time for the unions to end these meritless attacks. Instead of trying to beat charter schools in courtrooms and legislative chambers, they should compete with us in the classroom — and improve New York's schools for every child's benefit.

Eric Grannis is executive director of Strive Charter School.

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PAR SCORE 145-155
BEST SCORE 212

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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B_3	O_1	G_2	L_1	A_1	N_1	D_2	RACK 4 =	61
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Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
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♡ 7 6 5
◇ A J 6 5 2
♣ Q 7

WEST
♠ 6 3
♡ 9 2
◇ 9 4 3
♣ K 9 8 6 3 2

EAST
♠ 8 7 4
♡ A K 10 4
◇ K Q 10 8
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 2
♡ Q J 8 3
◇ 7
♣ A J 5

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♡ 9

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My friend the English professor likes to coin new words. He defines an "afterism" as a clever comment made too late. Such utterances are common at the bridge table.

In today's deal, West led from his doubleton heart against four spades, and East took the K-A and led the ten. West ruffed and led the nine of diamonds. Declarer took dummy's ace and led the queen of clubs to finesse, and West's king won the setting trick.

In the postmortem, North offered an afterism:

"East had the A-K of hearts and appeared to hold the K-Q of diamonds. He wouldn't have passed throughout if he had the king of clubs also."

"What would you have me do?" South growled.

After South takes the ace of diamonds, he gets an extra chance by leading a trump to his hand, then leading the queen of hearts. If West could ruff, South would overruff in dummy and finesse in clubs. But when West discards, dummy discards a club. South can take the ace of clubs and win the rest on a crossruff.

Word Force

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 21** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST

Yesterday's word:
FROWNINGLY

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frown
girly
glory
groin
growl
grown
irony
lingo
login
lying
nylon
owing
wring
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Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WOUND NURSES Solution: 8 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Frosting

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Quick Crossword

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SpaceX has launched a five-tranche notes offering aimed at raising at least $25 billion, a source familiar with the matter said Tuesday, as the newly public company seeks funding for its capital-intensive AI expansion.

Morg-Stop!

Wall Street banking giant Morgan Stanley has limited redemptions at one of its private credit funds after investors sought to withdraw nearly 11.6% of shares outstanding, a regulatory filing showed on Tuesday.

FedEx profit

FedEx on Tuesday beat quarterly profit estimates and projected about 11% revenue growth in 2026, but shares fell 5.7% in extended trading after a margin drop in its core express segment.

Cerebras Q1

Cerebras Systems' first-quarter revenue nearly doubled, its first financial update since going public showed Tuesday, as it benefited from robust enterprise demand for its specialized AI chips.

GameNot!

GameStop CEO Ryan Cohen will not receive a potential performance award from the videogame retailer and plans to unveil more details about his bid to take over eBay soon, the company said Tuesday.

Sources: Reuters

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BUBBLE BURSTING?

Stox plummet over tech, AI and Fed boss Warsh

By TAYLOR HERZLICH

Tech and chip stocks deepened their losses Tuesday — and SpaceX briefly dipped below its opening price — as investors panicked over Fed Chair Kevin Warsh's recent surprisingly hawkish comments and a possible looming "AI bubble."

The tech-heavy Nasdaq closed down 2.2% and the S&P 500 fell 1.4%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average traded roughly flat.

SpaceX shares rose 1.5% to $156.11 a share. But the stock slid as low as $148.86 earlier in the day — below the June 12 opening IPO price of $150 — after falling 16% Monday following reports it was planning a massive borrowing binge to fund its AI spending spree.

Kenin Spivak, chief executive of SMI Group, said this week's tech rout could be a sign the market is bracing for a correction.

"Tech stocks are correcting for the irrational valuations and liquidity sucks coming from SpaceX and the next two mega-IPOs, OpenAI and Anthropic; cheap AI flooding the market from China; and general uncertainty about the future of tech," he told The Post.

Risk reduction

"Between government regulation, foreign competition, worker and student revolts and downward pressure on traditional tech, it's time for some traditional metrics and risk reduction."

Shares in Alphabet, Nvidia and Tesla fell 0.8%, 4.2% and 5.8%, respectively.

The iShares Semiconductor ETF plunged 7.9%, while chip-related stocks like Micron, Qualcomm, AMD and Intel fell 13.2%, 8%, 5.8% and 6.1%, respectively.

The State Street Technology Select Sector SPDR ETF slid 4.1%, while the VanEck Semiconductor ETF fell 7%.

"We think some of the reaction here is still unwinding from the Fed meeting and we are seeing subsequent moves in the dollar and risk assets alike," Ken Mahoney, chief executive of Mahoney Asset Management, told The Post. "Banks, energy and value names are popping up as tech gets weaker, so some of the reactions are clear, but of course can be subject to change."

In his first Federal Reserve meeting as chairman last week, Warsh took a surprisingly tough, anti-inflation stance as the central bank flipped from an "easing bias" to expectations of an interest-rate hike later this year.

Now investors who were banking on lower interest rates are panicking over the possibility of higher ones, as well as heated inflation, after the Fed committee hiked their inflation outlook for the end of 2026 to 3.6%, up from 2.7%.

"We also just saw what we would essentially call systematic risk as markets overseas got slammed, and there has been too crowded of a trade and too much leverage that's now coming undone," Mahoney said, nodding to semiconductor ETFs, which have flown up over the past two months and are "going to have to unwind."

Traders are already bracing for more declines in SpaceX, which made history as the largest-ever IPO and almost immediately shot up to a market cap above $2 trillion.

A ratio of put options to call options — or contracts signaling the right to sell versus the right to buy — tied to SpaceX jumped in recent days in favor of selling, which typically signals bearish sentiment, according to Cboe Global Markets data.

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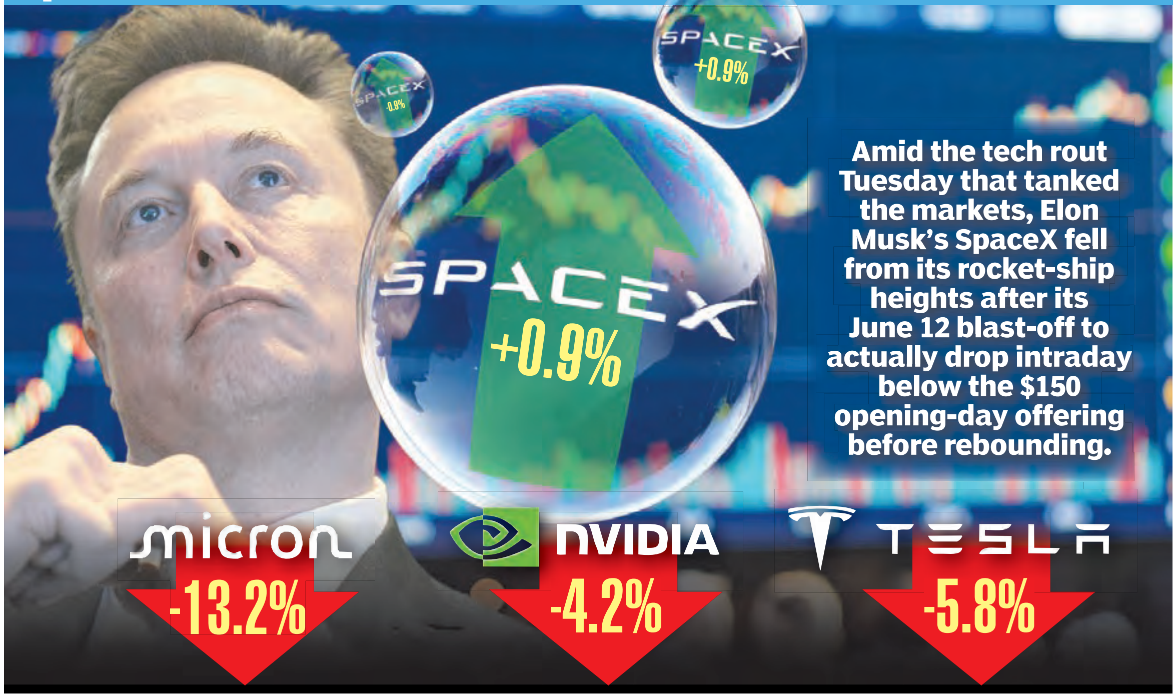
Ups and downs



Amid the tech rout Tuesday that tanked the markets, Elon Musk's SpaceX fell from its rocket-ship heights after its June 12 blast-off to actually drop intraday below the $150 opening-day offering before rebounding.

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Pump prices down 14% from May high

US gasoline prices sank for the sixth consecutive week, down 14% from their peak in May.

National average gasoline prices hit $3.93 a gallon Tuesday, according to AAA, down 11 cents over the past week and a huge drop from their peak of $4.56 in May.

Prices plunged in most states, including New York and New Jersey, which each saw gasoline fall 12 cents over the past week, hitting $4.22 and $3.96 a gallon, respectively, according to AAA.

Oil benchmarks have also fallen below the $80-a-barrel mark, far lower than highs of $126 during the war with Iran.

Lower gasoline prices could help the GOP hold on to narrow House and Senate majorities in the November midterm elections, as Americans have repeatedly cited to pollsters affordability issues as a top concern.

They could also help ease inflation, which shot above 4% for the first time in three years due to surging energy prices.

But analysts have warned it will likely take months before gasoline prices fully drop below $3 a gallon, and prices could easily reverse course if fighting in the Mideast resumes.

Taylor Herzlich

China robot crackdown eyed

As US-China tech competition heats up, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick is reportedly mulling a crackdown on Chinese robots.

He privately told business leaders his department is studying Chinese state-subsidized robotics imports for possible threats, Politico reported Tuesday.

That sector of China's economy is increasingly seen by US officials as a national security threat, with Washington fearing China will dominate the field before American companies can scale up, according to the report.

"We don't want state-subsidized robotics attacking us in America, this is the arms [race] that is coming — robotic arms are coming," Lutnick (right) was quoted as saying at the Monday confab.

"We need to make sure they're produced in America, so we're going to study those right now."

While the AI race has dominated discussion on US-China competition, the White House increasingly sees robotics as the next big battleground. Made-in-China robots are already subject to tariffs, but could be hit with additional levies, according to execs who met with Lutnick.

Leaders from companies including SpaceX, Boston Dynamics, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Siemens and Rockwell Automation sat down with Lutnick, according to Politico.

The Commerce Department did not comment to the outlet.

Ariel Zilber

Meta's next big bet?

Team Zuck building its own predix-market app

By ARIEL ZILBER

New player in the 'Arena'

Mark Zuckerberg's Meta is working to develop a prediction-markets app, a sector that has surged in popularity with apps like Polymarket and Kalshi.

Amber Searls, Adobe

Mark Zuckerberg's Meta is quietly developing a prediction markets app that could challenge industry leaders Polymarket and Kalshi, according to a report.

Zuckerberg recently tasked a small team inside Meta with building the experimental app, which is internally known as "Arena," The New York Times reported, citing two employees familiar with the matter.

The smartphone app would allow users to make predictions on everything from sports and politics to major news events, according to the report.

Unlike existing prediction markets that allow users to wager real money, Arena is expected to initially rely on a video game-style points system, although Meta has not ruled out eventually incorporating real-money betting, one person familiar with the plans told the Times.

The app would operate independently from Meta's flagship platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger, the report said.

Meta is reportedly hoping to leverage its audience to drive adoption of the new service. More than 3.5 billion people use at least one of the company's apps daily.

The effort is said to be part of a broader push by Zuckerberg to identify emerging online behaviors and build new products around them as growth on Meta's established platforms matures.

The Post has sought comment from Meta.

Arena is one of several experimental projects currently under development, according to the report. Another initiative, dubbed "Meta Photos," is said to focus on creating new forms of media using artificial intelligence.

Prediction markets have surged in popularity over the past two years, drawing users who place bets on outcomes ranging from election results and sporting events to entertainment awards and economic developments.

The sector has become a lucrative business. According to the newspaper, prediction-market operators handled more than $50 billion in trades last year, with volume already exceeding $130 billion this year.

The boom has attracted interest from traditional gambling operators, cryptocurrency firms and media companies eager to tap into the growing market.

EU escalates kid-safety social-media probe

The European Union is reportedly escalating a probe into Mark Zuckerberg's Meta over allegations that its social media apps are intentionally designed to get kids hooked.

The European Commission, the EU's competition watchdog, is close to issuing its preliminary findings, including that Facebook and Instagram are built with addictive features, Bloomberg reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

The investigation was first announced in May 2024 and focused on Meta's potential violations of the EU's Digital Services Act, which requires Big Tech firms to police content on their platforms.

The commission had also expressed concern about the effectiveness of Meta's age verification practices.

The issuing of preliminary findings are a crucial step in the commission's investigation process. Meta will have an opportunity to propose remedies that address the bloc's concerns.

Under the DSA, companies can be fined as much as 6% of their global sales if they are unable to satisfy regulators.

Based on Meta's fiscal 2025 revenue, that would mean a potential fine of about $12 billion, although the EU's penalties to date in similar cases have come in far below that level.

Any severe crackdown on Meta could escalate tensions between the European Union and the Trump administration, which has repeatedly criticized EU officials for what it says are discriminatory actions against US tech firms.

Thomas Barrabi

No shield for Cuba $eize suit

The US Supreme Court made it easier on Tuesday for US companies to seek compensation from Cuba's government for property seized decades ago by then-leader Fidel Castro's government, ruling in favor of Exxon Mobil in its lawsuit against Cuban state-owned firm Corporación CIMEX.

In a 6-3 decision, the court said a legal defense called foreign sovereign immunity, which generally prohibits US lawsuits against foreign governments and their agents, is not available in cases like the one Exxon brought against CIMEX under the Helms-Burton Act.

Conservative Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who authored the ruling, wrote that the 30-year-old federal law eliminates "the sovereign immunity of Cuban agencies and instrumentalities."

"The Helms-Burton Act authorizes private suits against Cuban agencies and instrumentalities — suits that would largely be nonstarters if subjected to the FSIA's requirements," Kavanaugh wrote, referring to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976.

The court's six conservative justices were in the majority. Justice Elena Kagan wrote a dissent that was joined by the court's two other liberal members.

Reuters

$17B in US nuke loans

The Department of Energy announced Tuesday $17.5 billion in conditional loans for utilities and energy firms to buy parts to strengthen the US commercial nuclear supply chain.

Energy Secretary Chris Wright said the loans will help the US achieve its goal of having 10 new large-scale nuclear reactors under construction by 2030, potentially accelerating that timeline by three years.

Heavily regulated, costly and controversial nuclear projects have struggled to attract investment. *Reuters*

NATALIE CHUCK
Boost to growing team.

New LA reporter at Fox

Fox News Channel has signed Natalie Chuck as a Los Angeles-based correspondent, bringing the award-winning investigative reporter to the network after a career that has taken her from local newsrooms in Colorado and California to some of the West's biggest stories.

Chuck joins Fox from ABC affiliate KMGH-TV in Denver, where she served as an investigative reporter for Denver7 Investigates.

Since arriving at the station in May 2024, she reported on gaps in Colorado's mental-health laws affecting criminal cases, major immigration-enforcement operations and high-profile criminal proceedings, including the case against the suspect accused in the deadly Boulder attack.

Before her time in Denver, Chuck worked as a multimedia journalist at ABC affiliate KGTV-TV in San Diego. *Ariel Zilber*

'Blacklisted' Alibaba sues

Alibaba, the Chinese technology and e-commerce giant, sued the US government on Tuesday over being placed on a list of businesses from China that the Department of Defense linked to that country's military.

The complaint was filed in the San Jose, Calif., federal court after the Pentagon expanded its blacklist of alleged "Chinese military companies" on June 8 to 188 entities, reflecting concern China's military could tap that country's private sector for advancements. *Reuters*

'AI SPY' WARNING

Could 'supercharge' cyberattacks, pros say

By ARIEL ZILBER

Off limits

After the Trump administration barred foreign nationals from using Anthropic's Claude Fable 5 AI model, CEO Dario Amodei pulled it and its Mythos models offline, saying it was the only way to comply with fed directives.

Getty Images

Artificial intelligence is poised to supercharge cyberattacks against governments, critical infrastructure and major corporations within months, the intelligence agencies of the Five Eyes alliance are warning in a rare joint statement urging business leaders to prepare now.

The cyber chiefs of the US, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand said Monday frontier AI systems are advancing so rapidly that long-standing assumptions about digital threats could soon become obsolete.

"Frontier AI models are anticipated to exceed current industry expectations, fundamentally transforming both offensive and defensive cyber capabilities," the spy bosses wrote. "The timeline is not years, it is months."

Recent weeks have seen warnings about the security risks of AI reach a fever pitch.

Gen. Joshua Rudd, head of the National Security Agency, warned Congress earlier this month that Anthropic's Mythos "broke into almost all of our classified systems, not in weeks, but in hours," according to Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.). The reporter who quoted Warner later clarified that "it would be a mistake to read that literally."

'Too powerful'

The Trump administration recently blocked foreign nationals from using a model called Claude Fable 5 from tech giant Anthropic over concerns it is "too powerful."

In response to the White House's export controls, Anthropic pulled its Mythos and Fable models offline entirely, asserting it was the only way to ensure compliance with federal directives.

And last week, The Post reported that the Trump administration would not allow G7 countries to regain access to Anthropic's most advanced AI models after the US imposed a ban earlier this month on national security grounds.

The unusually blunt statement reflects growing concern among Western intelligence officials that the latest generation of AI systems could dramatically lower barriers for hackers while increasing the speed and sophistication of cyberattacks.

While the agencies acknowledged that AI can strengthen cyber defenses, they warned it can also help malicious actors identify vulnerabilities, automate attacks and exploit weaknesses faster than organizations can respond.

"AI is not a future consideration — it is already here," the Five Eyes statement said.

The officials warned that the technology is shrinking the time between the discovery of a software vulnerability and its exploitation by attackers.

The warning was directed as much at corporate boardrooms as it was at cybersecurity professionals.

"Cyber risk can no longer be treated as a purely technical issue," the statement said. "This is a core business risk and leadership responsibility."

Officials said executives should understand cyber risks, empower security leaders, regularly test defenses and make cyber resilience a central part of business strategy.

Shopify to ban vapes

Shopify will ban all vapes from its platform as soon as this week after pressure from a group of US state attorneys general aiming to curb sales of illegal e-cigarettes online, according to two sources familiar with its plans.

The Canadian company provides the underlying infrastructure that lets millions of merchants operate and scale e-commerce channels.

It has been in talks since last year with a bipartisan coalition of 25 state attorneys general, who have been pushing Shopify to do more to clamp down on a booming market for vapes that lack the legally required license for US sales, or violate other laws. *Reuters*

Brits OK $4B suit vs. Apple

Britain's competition tribunal has approved a $4 billion lawsuit against Apple over its iCloud storage service, consumer group "Which?" said on Tuesday, clearing the way for tens of millions of consumers to join a collective action.

The Competition Appeal Tribunal granted earlier in June a collective proceedings order allowing Which? to represent Apple users, after rejecting an attempt by the US tech giant to block parts of the case.

Which? filed the claim in November 2024 and argues Apple abused a dominant position by "trapping" users of iPhones and other devices into its iCloud storage service, limiting their ability to switch to rival services.

Which? says Apple did this by technically restricting how certain files can be stored, tying iCloud to iOS devices and using prompts and system design to steer users toward its own service. *Reuters*

PageSix® at Cannes

Q & A with the 'King of Cannes'

By ALEXANDRA STEIGRAD

HOLDS COURT: Michael Kassan shares his views on Cannes Lions' evolution as well as challenges and priorities for the media industry and his new firm 3C Ventures.

Ella Pellegrini

MICHAEL KASSAN isn't called the "King of Cannes" for nothing. The founder and chief executive of strategic advisory firm 3C Ventures has been coming to Cannes Lions for 26 years — and remembers when the event was just an awards ceremony with a few parties thrown by ad agencies.

With Kassan's help, the event has roared through the ages bringing creatives, marketers, media brands, tech giants and celebrities to the French seaside town.

Kassan spoke to The Post about the evolution of Cannes Lions, the challenges facing the industry and how 3CV works with clients to thrive in today's fast-paced, ever-changing environment.

Q: You founded 3C Ventures in 2024, after having spent decades advising the biggest media and marketing companies. What gaps in the market has 3CV been uniquely positioned to fill?

Michael Kassan: Leadership teams have always dealt with complexity. What feels different today is the pace of change and the degree of interconnectedness across the business, much of it accelerated by AI.

Technology, consumer behavior, media, commerce, talent and economics are all evolving simultaneously, often in ways that influence one another. A decision in one area can quickly create implications across several others.

That's where 3C Ventures comes in. We built the firm around an operator's lens — a team of seasoned executives who have run businesses, managed growth and delivered results through transformation. We don't view strategy as the finish line. We spend as much time focused on implementation, partnerships and execution as we do on the recommendation itself. In a market where so many decisions have become interconnected, our role is helping leaders translate insight into action and create tangible business outcomes.

Q: What specific industry problems are your clients asking you to help solve?

MK: The question we hear most often is simple: "What should we do now?"

That can mean a lot of things. It can mean rethinking an agency model, building an AI plan that connects to the business, evaluating a media or technology partner, sharpening a go-to-market strategy, designing a better marketing organization or figuring out where a brand should show up in culture.

There's a lot of complexity in the market right now, and a lot of language that sounds more sophisticated than it is. Every company is being sold a platform, a dashboard, a transformation or a promise of efficiency. Our clients want help separating substance from theater.

They want to know what matters, what can wait, who they should trust and how to turn a strategic choice into something that works inside their business.

Q: Your company balances advisory work with investment opportunities and strategic partnerships — what sorts of opportunities and partnerships do you look for, and why?

MK: We look for opportunities where the need is clear, the leadership is strong, and the business has a reason to matter.

A good partnership should create momentum for both sides. It should help a company reach customers, build credibility, open a new market, strengthen a product or accelerate growth in a way it couldn't do alone.

We're especially interested in businesses that sit at the intersection of technology and human behavior. That's where the market is moving. The best companies in this space understand the tools, but they also understand people: how they spend time, what earns their attention, what builds trust and what makes them act.

Technology can get you into the conversation. Trust and execution keep you there.

Q: Which sectors within media, marketing, sports, entertainment and tech are you most bullish on through the lens of 3CV?

MK: I'm bullish on businesses that sit close to attention, commerce, identity and culture.

Commerce media is one of the most interesting areas because the distance between discovery and purchase keeps shrinking. Consumers can see something, consider it and buy it in the same environment. That changes the role of media and changes what brands need from partners.

Sports also have enormous momentum. In a fragmented media world, sports still delivers live attention, community, emotion and scale. That combination is rare, and marketers understand its value.

I'm also interested in creator-led businesses, modern measurement, identity infrastructure, AI-enabled workflows and companies that help marketers make better decisions with the data they already have. The common thread is usefulness. The market needs a clear set of tools, partners, and ideas that solve real problems.

Q: What does 3CV have planned this year at Cannes Lions?

MK: For us, Cannes has always been about convening. Bringing marketers, media executives, founders, creators, athletes, entertainment leaders, technology companies, and agency leaders together in one place to create opportunities that wouldn't otherwise exist. New partnerships are formed, strategic relationships are strengthened, ideas are challenged and business gets done.

This year, 3C Ventures has an expanded presence anchored by PLAGE 3CV, our flagship seaside destination for the week. We designed it as a place where meaningful conversations lead to meaningful outcomes: part hospitality and networking, part thought leadership platform, and part meeting ground for business development.

PLAGE 3CV hosts curated hospitality experiences, including The Chef's Table, an intimate dining series with Michelin-starred guest chefs and fragrance workshops, Le Bistro, our Mediterranean-style beachfront pop-up, and daily happy hours hosted by Zeta Global.

At the center of it is CONVENE at PLAGE 3CV, our programming series. The week covers culture, commerce, creators, fandom, sports, AI and the changing relationship between brands and consumers. We have leaders from companies across the ecosystem joining us for conversations designed to be lively, specific and useful.

We also hosted the annual 3CONVENE Executive Dinner with Disney, at Hotel du Cap on Monday evening. Later that night, we co-hosted the iHeartMedia After Dark Celebration with Condé Nast and Capital One, also at Hotel du Cap, with a special DJ set by Questlove.

For us, Cannes is about proximity. The more fruitful conversations rarely happen by accident, but they do need the right setting.

Q: What are the biggest issues marketers are talking about at Cannes Lions this year — and what topics are still getting too little attention?

MK: AI will dominate the week. So will commerce and retail media, sports, creators, measurement and the evolving agency model. Those are all important. But for me, the more interesting question is how companies have to change in response.

AI can make organizations faster, but speed only helps if the organization knows where it's going. A lot of companies still have decision-making structures, approval processes, talent models, and partner ecosystems built for a slower market. That's the part that deserves more attention. The technology conversation is ahead of the operating model conversation.

Marketers are also thinking hard about trust. Consumers are moving through more channels, more platforms, and more forms of content than ever. The more successful brands will use technology to become more relevant and more useful, while still feeling human.

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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

BARBADOS FAM0626/2025
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE
HIGH COURT FAMILY DIVISION
IN THE MARRIAGE OF:
FRANCINE EUDENE BERNABE
APPLICANT/WIFE
AND
RHODNY BERNABE
RESPONDENT/HUSBAND
of No. 2 Arthur Street, Yonkers, New York, USA

TAKE NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that on the 29th day of December 2025 an Application was filed in the Family Division of the High Court of Barbados by Francine Eudene Bernabe of Castle Terrace, in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island for an order pertaining to the child of the marriage. Further, on the 4th day of March 2026, an ex-parte Application of the Applicant/Wife was heard for substituted service and an order was made by the Hon. Madam Justice Wanda Blair for service to be effected by an advertisement in a newspaper with circulation in New York, USA. This advertisement constitutes notice of the proceedings on the Respondent who may contact the Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant or the Registry of the High Court of Barbados to obtain copies of the pleadings.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Respondent shall respond or object to the Application pertaining to the child of the marriage within twenty-eight (28) days from the publication of this advertisement by filing an Affidavit in the High Court of Barbados showing cause why the order should not be made. This matter is set for hearing on the **31st day of July 2026.**

In the absence of any objection as aforementioned the Court may proceed with the Application and grant the orders sought accordingly.

Dated the 24th day of June 2026
Ms. D. N. Carrington
Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant/Wife
First Floor One Welches, Welches, Saint Thomas, Barbados

**NASSAU COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of formation of Dumpling Ninja LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/17/2026. Office location: Nassau County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Evan Fan Chen: 80 Smith St Unit 4, Farmingdale NY 11735. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Yonkers entries for Wednesday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile trot; $19,000; cond

1	Pine Bush Landau	(BHolland)	1-1-3	3-1
2	Core Values	(PLachance)	5-1-3	20-1
3	Chatty Mattie	(ASiegelman)	3-4-5	6-1
4	Peteza	(JBongiorno)	1-5-1	8-5
5	Captain Willie	(JMarohn)	8-1-2	20-1
6	Zuzu Zoom	(JStratton)	1-6-6	5-1
7	Serenity As	(CKelly)	1-2-8	12-1
8	Ajax Blue Chip	(DDube)	7-3-6	15-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $19,000; claiming

1	Shake It	(DDube)	2-1-2	2-1
2	Alwayscuttinschool	(BHllnd)	6-6-4	10-1
3	Telitonthemountain	(JBngrn)	3-5-8	3-1
4	GreatSomewhere	PLachnce)	4-5-4	12-1
5	Simply Fast	(JStratton)	2-7-1	3-1
6	Ever M	(CKelly)	1-1-6	9-2
7	DntbthermenneN	(Segelmn)	5-3-5	20-1

THIRD: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Adalecia	(CKelly)	6-6-1	5-2
2	SpDancinwithstarz	(Bongrn)	5-2-7	9-2
3	Purameri	(PLachance)	8-3-2	20-1
4	Bella Artiste	(JMarohn)	1-6-5	3-1
5	Eveninstarzrapsody	(JStrttn)	1-6-1	6-1
6	Stonecold Girl	(ASiegelman)	4-4-7	15-1
7	Racin For Royalty	(BHolland)	1-5-3	7-2

FOURTH: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	Bell Of Lazarus	(HLandy)	8-2-8	6-1
2	Gabbys Wish	(CKelly)	5-2-4	8-1
3	Sammy JoHanover	(Marohn)	5-8-5	5-2
4	Send It Down Slim	(Holland)	2-3-4	1-1
5	Crystal Coast	(DDube)	3-2-2	5-1
6	Blazing Queen	(JBongiorno)	4-4-2	15-1

FIFTH: Mile trot; $21,000; cond

1	Highlandstarburst	(JBongirn)	6-7-3	8-5
2	Boom Chica Boom	(JMarohn)	4-5-4	8-1
3	Minoan	(JStratton)	1-2-2	9-5
4	Press	(RSchnittker)	7-2-1	12-1
5	Raucous	(PLachance)	2-8-3	20-1
6	D'wood	(CKelly)	2-4-5	6-1
7	Mamy Wata	(DDube)	4-3-2	20-1
8	ShadyMpleBecky	(Segelmn)	6-5-6	20-1

SIXTH: Mile trot; $24,000; cond

1	Moni Man	(PLachance)	3-4-3	4-1
2	Halfadozen	(DDube)	2-5-2	7-2
3	Bo Silas	(JBongiorno)	8-3-3	8-1
4	Global Twist	(CKelly)	5-7-1	6-1
5	Marin County	(ASiegelman)	4-6-3	10-1
6	Hl Olmaya	(HLandy)	5-4-10	20-1
7	Seven Layer	(BHolland)	4-1-1	2-1
8	Bizzy Brenda	(SSmith)	1-2-7	20-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Royal Desire	(PLachance)	3-1-6	3-1
2	Just Enuff Stuff	(JStratton)	5-5-8	7-2
3	Kimble A	(JBongiorno)	6-7-6	5-1
4	Optical Illusion N	(BHolland)	2-7-7	2-1
5	MajorcrowdcontrlA	(JMarhn)	5-3-8	12-1
6	Dealers Turn	(DDube)	5-6-8	20-1
7	Gold Glove Hanover	(CKelly)	4-8-5	20-1
8	Mad River	(ASiegelman)	4-4-6	20-1

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Ideal Skies	(BHolland)	2-6-1	3-2
2	Pine Bush Maga	(SSmith)	2-3-8	8-1
3	Th Rizzo	(JBongiorno)	5-3-5	5-2
4	Quick Menu	(JMarohn)	4-6-1	12-1
5	Beca Mitchell	(CKelly)	2-2-7	9-2
6	Lucky Lil Lady	(JStratton)	3-5-5	6-1
7	Iris Seelster	(ASiegelman)	3-8-1	20-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Jm'sFinaltreasure	(JStratton)	7-7-3	8-1
2	Foxhunt	(BHolland)	1-4-3	5-2
3	Italian Lad N	(JBongiorno)	6-2-4	2-1
4	CamouflgeMney	(ASegelmn)	7-1-3	4-1
5	Tonto Returns	(JMarohn)	6-5-3	15-1
6	Pink Floyd Hanover	(CKelly)	4-2-4	5-1
7	Jo Pa's Warrior	(DDube)	4-4-7	20-1
8	Aussie Hanover	(SSmith)	2-5-6	20-1

Yonkers Results

FIRST-1-mile pace; fm20000clm; purse $18,000
TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 6:52 TIME-27.0; 55.1; 1:23.4; 1:53.1

2	Maybembel(JStrtton)	4.16	2.90	2.38
1	SpiritOfPearlA(JBongiorno)		3.42	2.66
3	Sweet Sandy (J Marohn)			6.66

• Exacta (2/1) $6.54 • Triple (2/1/3) $60.23 • $.10 Superfecta (2/1/3/5) $38.06

SECOND-1-mile pace; nw16041l5; purse $23,000
TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:18 TIME-26.1; 55.0; 1:23.0; 1:52.1

3	GorgusBgGuy(TButr)	14.40	5.30	3.28
2	Kwick Sand A (J Stratton)		3.36	2.26
4	Zebs Krafty (A Siegelman)			2.68

• Exacta (3/2) $15.93 • Triple (3/2/4) $39.74 • $.10 Superfecta (3/2/4/5) $17.16 • Daily double (2/3) $15.26

THIRD-1-mile pace; hgw2bn4pm; purse $21,000
TRACK: CONDITION-GD OFF: 7:40 TIME-27.3; 56.4; 1:25.1; 1:53.2

5	AlabmLucky(BHollnd)	9.28	4.08	2.62
4	AdamCheesehead(MKkley)		2.82	2.18
1	Joel And The Jets (C Kelly)			3.48

• Exacta (5/4) $10.22 • Triple (5/4/1) $57.27 • $.10 Superfecta (5/4/1/6) $17.51

FOURTH-1-mile pace; fm50000clm; purse $24,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:02 TIME-27.4; 57.0; 1:25.2; 1:53.3

6	WtforvrN(JBongorno)	7.32	5.18	3.76
1	Petrol Queen (C Kelly)		19.70	9.66
4	Splash Of Pink (D Dube)			17.62

• Exacta (6/1) $41.28 • Triple (6/1/4) $436.49 • $.10 Superfecta (6/1/4/8) $300.72 • $1 Pick 3 (3/5/6) $115.46 • $1 Pick 4 (2/3/5/6) $344.37

FIFTH-1-mile pace; chgnw2pm; purse $19,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:27 TIME-28.4; 58.0; 1:26.0; 1:54.3

4	Art In Heaven(CKelly)	6.66	2.48	2.64
5	Moonshiner N (M Kakaley)		2.16	2.16
1	Aries Blue Chip (J Bongiorno)			5.14

• Exacta (4/5) $6.07 • Triple (4/5/1) $38.05 • $.10 Superfecta (4/5/1/2) $10.03 • $1 Pick 3 (5/6/4) $57.32

SIXTH-1-mile pace; nw10791l5; purse $21,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 8:49 TIME-28.2; 57.3; 1:25.3; 1:53.4

1	T H Tyson (J Marohn)	3.06	2.30	2.10
4	Moment Is Here (T Buter)		3.56	2.78
3	Wattsup Sunshine A (B Holland)			4.68

• Exacta (1/4) $5.41 • Triple (1/4/3) $39.32 • $.10 Superfecta (1/4/3/2) $18.04 • $1 Pick 3 (6/4/1) $26.61

SEVENTH-1-mile pace; nw23101l5; purse $28,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:12 TIME-27.2; 56.0; 1:24.2; 1:52.4

5	EvleyeFleegle(TButr)	5.94	4.60	3.68
6	Blue Lou (M Kakaley)		17.14	6.04
2	Hemsworth N (A Siegelman)			2.62

• Exacta (5/6) $98.90 • Triple (5/6/2) $358.75 • $.10 Superfecta (5/6/2/3) $75.46

EIGHTH-1-mile pace; nw15000l5; purse $23,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:36 TIME-28.0; 57.1; 1:25.1; 1:53.0

1	LaserSpeed(BHollnd)	3.94	3.00	2.44
2	Th Colby (T Buter)		3.94	2.52
3	Bettor Not (D Dube)			4.96

• Exacta (1/2) $5.79 • Triple (1/2/3) $25.47 • $.10 Superfecta (1/2/3/5) $9.72

NINTH-1-mile pace; fm25000clm; purse $19,000
TRACK: CONDITION-FT OFF: 9:58 TIME-27.1; 56.1; 1:24.3; 1:53.3

1	TwnBEcho(ASeglmn)	4.48	2.28	2.10
6	Ultimate Speed (T Buter)		3.60	2.68
2	Survivin Fire (J Marohn)			2.70

• Exacta (1/6) $6.42 • Triple (1/6/2) $19.54 • $.10 Superfecta (1/6/2/4) $9.72 • Late double (1/1) $5.06 • $1 Pick 3 (5/1/1) $18.98 • $1 Pick 4 (1/5/1/1) $34.64 • $1 Pick 5 (4/1/5/1/1) $247.62

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Mariners 3, Pirates 2

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford 3b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.223
Raleigh c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.164
J.Rodríguez cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Naylor 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.253
Arozarena dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.287
Raley rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.240
Young 2b	3	1	1	2	1	0	.253
Robles lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.230
Emerson ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.219
Totals	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**2**	**9**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Horwitz 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.282
Lowe 2b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.246
Reynolds lf-rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.287
Gonzales 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.296
O'Hearn rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Cook pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.160
E.Rodríguez c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.250
Ozuna dh	3	0	1	1	1	2	.201
Davis dh-pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.136
Mangum cf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.299
Triolo ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.232
Callihan ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Totals	**35**	**2**	**9**	**1**	**3**	**10**	

Seattle	**000 100 200**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**3**
Pittsburgh	**011 000 000**	**—**	**2**	**9**	**1**

E: Kirby (1), Crawford 2 (7), O'Hearn (2). **LOB:** Seattle 7, Pittsburgh 9. **2B:** Raley (7), E.Rodríguez (4), Lowe (19). **HR:** Raleigh (8), off Keller; Young (7), off Keller. **RBIs:** Raleigh (21), Young 2 (37), Ozuna (25). **SB:** Naylor (14), Robles (3), Cook (4). **CS:** Mangum (4). **RISP:** Seattle 2 for 6; Pittsburgh 2 for 8.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kirby, W, 6-7	6.0	8	2	1	2	5	91	3.94
Ferrer, H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.73
Bazardo, H, 16	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	21	2.04
Muñoz, S, 14-19	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	16	5.08

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Keller, L, 5-5	6.0	7	3	3	1	4	92	4.89
Montgomery	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	19	4.55
Mattson	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	3.91
Santana	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	18	5.06

T: 2:39. **A:** 16,015 (38,753).

FIFA World Cup

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Mexico	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
South Korea	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Czechia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

GROUP A
Thursday, June 11
Mexico 2, South Africa 0
South Korea 2, Czechia 1
Thursday, June 18
Czechia 1, South Africa 1
Mexico 1, South Korea 0
Wednesday
Czechia vs. Mexico, 9pm
South Africa vs. South Korea, 9pm

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Canada	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Qatar	1	0	1	1	1	7	1

GROUP B
Friday, June 12
Canada 1, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Saturday, June 13
Qatar 1, Switzerland 1
Thursday, June 18
Switzerland 4, Bosnia-Herzegovina 1
Canada 6, Qatar 0
Wednesday
Switzerland vs. Canada, 3pm
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Qatar, 3pm

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Morocco	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Scotland	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Haiti	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

GROUP C
Saturday, June 13
Brazil 1, Morocco 1
Scotland 1, Haiti 0
Friday, June 19
Morocco 1, Scotland 0
Brazil 3, Haiti 0
Wednesday
Scotland vs. Brazil, 6pm
Morocco vs. Haiti, 6pm

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-United States	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**6**
Australia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Paraguay	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP D
Friday, June 12
United States 4, Paraguay 1
Sunday, June 14
Australia 2, Turkey 0
Friday, June 19
United States 2, Australia 0
Paraguay 1, Turkey 0
Thursday
Turkey vs. **United States,** 10pm
Paraguay vs. Australia, 10pm

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Germany	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Ivory Coast	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Ecuador	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Curacao	2	0	1	1	1	7	1

GROUP E
Sunday, June 14
Germany 7, Curacao 1
Ivory Coast 1, Ecuador 0
Saturday, June 20
Germany 2, Ivory Coast 1
Ecuador 0, Curacao 0
Thursday
Ecuador vs. Germany, 4pm
Curacao vs. Ivory Coast, 4pm

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	2	1	1	0	7	3	4
Japan	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Sweden	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Tunisia	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

GROUP F
Sunday, June 14
Netherlands 2, Japan 2
Sweden 5, Tunisia 1
Saturday, June 20
Netherlands 5, Sweden 1
Sunday, June 21
Japan 4, Tunisia 0

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Egypt	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Iran	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Belgium	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	2	0	1	1	3	5	1

GROUP G
Monday, June 15
Belgium 1, Egypt 1
Iran 2, New Zealand 2
Sunday, June 21
Belgium 0, Iran 0
Egypt 3, New Zealand 1
Friday
New Zealand vs. Belgium, 11pm
Egypt vs. Iran, 11pm

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Uruguay	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Cape Verde	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Saudi Arabia	2	0	1	1	1	5	1

GROUP H
Monday, June 15
Spain 0, Cape Verde 0
Saudi Arabia 1, Uruguay 1
Sunday, June 21
Spain 4, Saudi Arabia 0
Uruguay 2, Cape Verde 2
Friday
Uruguay 2, Spain 2
Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia, 8pm

GROUP I

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
y-France	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
y-Norway	2	2	0	0	7	3	6
Senegal	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Iraq	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP I
Tuesday, June 16
France 3, Senegal 1
Iraq 1, Norway 4
Monday, June 22
France 3, Iraq 0
Norway 3, Senegal 2
Friday
Norway vs. France, 3pm
Senegal vs. Iraq, 3pm

GROUP J

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Argentina	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Algeria	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Jordan	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

GROUP J
Tuesday, June 16
Argentina 3, Algeria 0
Wednesday, June 17
Austria 3, Jordan 1
Monday, June 22
Argentina 2, Austria 0
Algeria 2, Jordan 1
Saturday
Jordan vs. Argentina, 10pm
Algeria vs. Austria, 10pm

GROUP K

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Colombia	2	2	0	0	4	1	6
Portugal	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Congo	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Uzbekistan	2	0	0	2	1	8	0

GROUP K
Wednesday, June 17
Portugal 1, Congo 1
Colombia 3 Uzbekistan 1
Tuesday
Portugal 5, Uzbekistan 0
Colombia 1, Congo 0
Saturday
Colombia vs. Portugal, 7:30pm
Congo vs. Uzbekistan, 7:30pm

GROUP L

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Ghana	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Croatia	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Panama	2	0	0	2	0	2	0

GROUP L
Wednesday, June 17
England 4, Croatia 2
Ghana 1, Panama 0
Tuesday
England 0, Ghana 0
Croatia 1, Panama 0
Saturday
Panama vs. England, 5pm
Croatia vs. Ghana, 5pm

x-Clinched group, y-advances to the rd. of 32

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	12	4	.750	—
Liberty	12	6	.667	1
Indiana	10	7	.588	2½
Washington	8	7	.533	3½
Toronto	8	9	.471	4½
Chicago	4	12	.250	8
Connecticut	3	15	.167	10

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	13	4	.765	—
Las Vegas	12	5	.706	1
Dallas	11	6	.647	2
Golden State	10	7	.588	3
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	4½
Portland	8	9	.471	5
Phoenix	5	13	.278	8½
Seattle	3	15	.167	10½

Tuesday
Liberty 87, Las Vegas 76

Wednesday
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30pm
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30pm
Portland at Chicago, 8pm
Atlanta at Golden State, 10pm

Thursday
Liberty at Seattle, 10pm
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7pm
Dallas at Las Vegas, 10pm

Friday
Portland at Chicago, 7:30pm
Washington at Connecticut, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Golden State, 10pm

Astros 9, Blue Jays 7, 11 inn.

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Altuve 2b	6	3	3	0	0	1	.243
Alvarez dh	4	2	2	0	2	0	.325
Walker 1b	6	0	0	0	0	3	.233
Paredes 3b	6	0	2	1	0	2	.249
Diaz c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.246
Meyers pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Loperfido ph-lf	1	1	1	4	0	0	.238
Smith rf	5	1	2	2	0	1	.223
Trammell lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.275
Peña ph-ss	1	0	0	0	1	0	.284
Matthews cf-lf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.204
Delgado ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.333
Vázquez c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Totals	**45**	**9**	**15**	**9**	**3**	**10**	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Springer dh	5	1	1	0	1	2	.227
Guerrero 1b	6	2	1	0	0	1	.280
Sánchez lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.278
Schneider lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.163
Okamoto 3b	4	1	3	3	2	0	.241
Valenzuela c	5	0	0	0	1	2	.252
Varsho cf	6	2	3	2	0	1	.262
Urías 2b	5	1	2	2	0	1	.400
Straw rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Lukes ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.300
Giménez ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.234
Totals	**46**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**4**	**10**	

Houston	**100 300 002 03**	**—**	**9**	**15**	**1**
Toronto	**000 200 220 01**	**—**	**7**	**13**	**1**

E: Pearson (1), Valenzuela (7). **LOB:** Houston 11, Toronto 13. **2B:** Altuve (12), Alvarez (16), Giménez (12), Varsho 2 (15). **HR:** Diaz (3), off Bieber; Smith (8), off Bieber; Trammell (1), off Bieber; Loperfido (1), off Fisher; Urías (1), off Lambert; Varsho (7), off De Los Santos. **RBIs:** Paredes (39), Diaz (16), Smith 2 (28), Trammell (8), Loperfido 4 (11), Urías 2 (2), Varsho 2 (22), Okamoto 3 (49). **SB:** Guerrero (6). **SF:** Smith. **S:** Matthews, Giménez. **RISP:** Houston 3 for 15; Toronto 3 for 14. Toronto 1

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lambert	4.2	6	2	2	3	6	92	3.28
Okert	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	17	2.41
De Los Santos, BS, 4-6	1.1	3	2	2	0	0	26	4.67
Pearson	1.0	1	2	0	1	2	21	3.86
Hader	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1.00
VanWey, W, 1-0	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	23	1.50

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bieber	3.2	9	4	4	0	2	75	9.82
Nance	1.1	0	0	0	1	1	17	3.95
Fluharty	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	3.82
Miles	1.1	2	0	0	0	3	28	3.17
Hoffman	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	13	5.03
Rogers, BS, 2-5	1.0	3	2	1	0	0	18	1.91
Fisher, L, 3-3	2.0	1	3	2	1	2	26	3.35

T: 3:37. **A:** 38,633 (39,150).

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Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Sabally	8:12	0-3	0-0	0-3	1	1	0
Stewart	35:42	7-16	4-6	2-6	4	0	20
Jones	28:01	5-8	3-3	1-5	3	4	14
Fiebich	30:14	4-7	0-0	0-1	1	0	12
Ionescu	29:50	5-12	4-4	1-10	4	0	16
Astier	19:52	3-6	1-1	0-2	2	5	7
Johannes	18:08	2-6	0-0	0-2	3	0	6
Laney-Hamilton	17:27	0-3	0-0	0-3	1	2	0
Xu	12:34	4-4	2-2	1-2	0	0	12
Totals	200:00	30-65	14-16	5-34	19	12	87

Percentages: FG .462, FT .875. **3-point goals:** 13-31, .419 (Fiebich 4-5, Xu 2-2, Stewart 2-3, Johannes 2-5, Ionescu 2-6, Jones 1-4, Laney-Hamilton 0-3, Sabally 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 9. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 5 (Stewart 3, Laney-Hamilton, Sabally). **Turnovers:** 11 (Stewart 4, Ionescu 2, Laney-Hamilton 2, Fiebich, Johannes, Xu). **Steals:** 3 (Fiebich 2, Ionescu). **Technicals:** None.

Las Vegas

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Wilson	35:38	7-18	2-3	1-9	5	2	16
Young	37:45	9-19	0-0	0-4	7	2	19
Smith	22:56	3-6	1-2	0-1	0	2	7
Gray	35:27	4-8	1-1	0-5	8	0	11
Talbot	13:03	1-5	0-0	0-3	0	1	3
Loyd	29:33	2-7	0-0	0-1	0	3	6
Parker-Tyus	17:05	5-7	2-2	3-6	0	3	14
Bell	8:33	0-2	0-0	1-3	3	1	0
Totals	200:00	31-72	6-8	5-32	23	14	76

Percentages: FG .431, FT .750. **3-point goals:** 8-27, .296 (Parker-Tyus 2-2, Gray 2-5, Loyd 2-5, Talbot 1-4, Young 1-6, Bell 0-2, Wilson 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Smith 2, Gray, Young). **Turnovers:** 7 (Wilson 3, Young 2, Gray, Loyd). **Steals:** 9 (Wilson 4, Gray 2, Loyd, Parker-Tyus, Smith). **Technicals:** coach Becky Hammon, 00:35 third.

Liberty	19	23	25	20	—	87
Las Vegas	17	16	18	25	—	76

A: 10,274 (12,000). **T:** 1:57.

Angels 5, Orioles 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ward lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.254
Henderson ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.230
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.247
Basallo c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Mayo 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.187
Taveras rf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.260
Cowser cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.228
O'Neill dh	2	0	0	0	1	2	.183
Jackson 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.257
Totals	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**13**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	2	2	0	0	1	.229
Grissom 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.232
Schanuel 1b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.266
Soler dh	2	0	0	1	1	1	.218
Walton pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.338
Adell rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.248
Peraza 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.261
Moore lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Meckler lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.279
O'Hoppe c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Siri cf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.290
Totals	**30**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**8**	

Baltimore	**000 000 100**	**—**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Los Angeles	**200 030 00x**	**—**	**5**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Baltimore 3, Los Angeles 4. **2B:** Neto (16). **HR:** Schanuel (6), off Baz. **RBIs:** Taveras (30), Schanuel 2 (30), Grissom 2 (29), Soler (35). **SF:** Soler. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 1 (Cowser); Los Angeles 1 (Grissom). **RISP:** Baltimore 1 for 4; Los Angeles 1 for 3.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Baz, L, 4-8	5.0	8	5	5	1	5	91	4.31
Suárez	3.0	0	0	0	1	3	30	4.01

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Johnson, W, 1-2	6.0	1	0	0	1	8	90	8.84
Natera	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	14	1.42
Silseth	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	9	2.17
Zeferjahn	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	16	4.42
Bachman	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.53

T: 2:22. **A:** 31,569 (45,517).

The POST Line

MLB
Wednesday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
TIGERS	$120-145	**Yankees**
METS- Game 1	**OFF**	Cubs
METS- Game 2	**OFF**	Cubs
Guardians	$103-125	WHITE SOX
Orioles	$119-145	ANGELS
RAYS	$122-148	Royals
BLUE JAYS	$127-156	Astros
Phillies	$110-134	NATIONALS
Brewers	$119-145	REDS
CARDINALS	$102-120	Diamondbacks
Braves	$105-129	PADRES
Rangers	$108-126	MARLINS
Red Sox	$136-167	ROCKIES
Mariners	-104-117	PIRATES
Dodgers	$148-176	Dodgers
Athletics	$107-131	GIANTS

Home team in CAPS

WNBA
Wednesday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Lynx	8.5 (167.5)	MYSTICS
FEVER	8.5 (175.5)	Mercury
SKY	2.5 (168.5)	Fire
Dream	1.5 (164.5)	VALKYRIES

FIFA World Cup
Wednesday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Bosnia and Herzegovina	$275-600	Qatar
**Switzerland	$125-225	Canada
***Morocco	$550-1400	Haiti
****Brazil	$275-725	Scotland
*****Mexico	$105-260	Czechia
******South Korea	$145-400	South Africa

*Seattle, **Vancouver, ***Atlanta, ****Miami Gardens, *****Mexico City, ******Monterrey, Mexico

Thursday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Ivory Coast	$650-1400	Curacao
**Germany	$110-260	Ecuador
***Japan	$110-290	Sweden
****Netherlands	$750-1900	Tunisia
*****Paraguay	$185-290	Australia
******U.S.	$105-255	Turkey

*Philadelphia, **MetLife Stadium, ***Dallas, ****Kansas City, Mo., *****Santa Clara, Calif., ******Inglewood, Calif.

CFL
Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
BLUE BOMBERS	3 (54.5)	Elks

SPORTS SHORTS

NFL: No draft held for Sorsby

The NFL says no to **Brendan Sorsby**.

The disgraced college quarterback, who admitted to betting approximately $90,000 on college football games while at Cincinnati and Indiana — in some cases on his own team — will have to wait to enter the NFL until next year after the league declined to hold a 2026 supplemental draft, according to multiple reports.

The league can decide whether to hold a supplemental draft, and it rebuffed his formal request to be included.

● The Falcons agreed to a three-year, $54 million contract with tight end **Kyle Pitts.** The deal was announced by Pitts' agency, Athletes First, in a social-media post. The agency said it is the largest three-year deal for a tight end in NFL history.

NHL: Oilers hire Babcock

The Oilers hired **Mike Babcock**, paving the way for the polarizing taskmaster to coach his first game in more than six years after the NHL cleared him following an investigation into his aborted 2023 stint in Columbus.

● The Capitals acquired proven goal scorer **Jordan Kyrou** from the Blues for center **Connor McMichael**, 2025 draft pick **Milton Gastrin** and a first-round selection in the NHL draft.

● The Sabres acquired the No. 4 pick in Friday's NHL draft in a trade that sent defenseman **Bowen Byram** to the Blackhawks. As part of the deal, Buffalo also acquired third-year defenseman **Louis Crevier** and a second-round draft pick, 46th overall.

● The Sharks traded **William Eklund** and two other forwards to the Senators for the No. 9 pick in the draft. San Jose acquired that pick for Eklund and prospects **Kasper Halttunen** and **Brandon Svoboda**.

MLB: Phils win without Schwarber

Bryson Stott's three-run homer highlighted Philadelphia's eight-run outburst in the ninth inning and the Phillies rallied to beat the Nationals 14-9 in Washington. Major league home run leader **Kyle Schwarber** was scratched with lower back tightness before the game.

● In Chicago, **Miguel Vargas** hit a go-ahead home run in the sixth inning, and the White Sox claimed sole possession of first place in the AL Central with a 2-1 win over the Guardians.

● In Cincinnati, **Brandon Sproat** pitched one-hit ball for six shutout innings and had a career-high 10 strikeouts and the Brewers beat the Reds 2-0.

ETC.: Blazers hire new coach Nori

The Trail Blazers picked Timberwolves assistant **Micah Nori** as their next head coach after making the playoffs for the first time in five years under the direction of interim coach **Tiago Splitter**.

● ESPN NFL draft analyst **Matt Miller** said Tuesday his left arm was amputated following a severe car crash in Jasper County, Missouri. Miller, a father of two, posted the news to his X account .

● Olympic skiing legend **Bode Miller** is facing two misdemeanor drug charges after an arrest in Idaho earlier this month — days before the eighth anniversary of his daughter's drowning death.

TOP PLAY

Back Swiss to win, move on

By ERICH RICHTER

Switzerland and Canada enter Wednesday's match tied atop Group B with four points each.

The Swiss are favored in three-way betting at +135, but it's the Canadians who have the edge to advance. Canada has a plus-six goal differential and would win the group with a win or tie.

Canada plays an aggressive, fast-paced style of offense that destroyed a down-a-man Qatar team 6-0.

Jonathan David, who had a hat trick last time out, leads the Canucks offense alongside Cyle Larin, who also scored during the shallacking of Qatar.

Canada hopes to have Alphonso Davies back, though he has yet to be seen in the World Cup.

The Swiss are mostly a laid-back defensive team that hopes to get moving forward through counterattacks, rather than the high-aggression tactics Canada usually employs. This matchup could play right into Swiss coach Murat Yakin's hands.

The Canadians are missing their star midfielder, Ismaël Koné, a big loss.

Expect Switzerland to keep its back four compact and ready to pounce on mistakes from the Canadian side.

The Swiss will be opportunistic, and I expect them to come out victorious on Wednesday and win Group B.

THE PLAY: Switzerland, moneyline (+135, DraftKings).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Yankees	Weathers (L)		2-5	4.13	6-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	16.2	6.48
Tigers	Skubal (L)	(6:40pm)	3-3	3.02	5-4	1-0	0.00	2-2	0-1	17.1	3.63
Cubs	Imanaga (R)	Game 1	4-6	4.26	6-9	—	—	1-2	0-0	16.2	3.78
Mets	McLean (R)	(1:10pm)	4-4	3.67	6-9	1-0	8.44	1-0	1-0	17.0	1.59
Cubs	Assad (R)	Game 2	5-1	3.89	4-1	—	—	1-1	2-0	18.0	1.00
Mets	Manaea (L)	(7:10pm)	1-2	4.64	1-1	0-0	18.00	0-1	1-1	15.1	3.52
Rangers	deGrom (R)		6-4	3.59	9-6	0-0	0.00	10-9	2-0	18.0	4.00
Marlins	Perez (R)	(12:10pm)	3-6	4.60	5-7	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	15.1	3.52
Red Sox	Suarez (L)		3-3	2.94	7-7	1-0	0.00	3-1	1-0	18.0	1.50
Rockies	Freeland (L)	(3:10pm)	1-7	7.36	4-9	0-1	4.76	0-1	0-1	18.0	5.50
Mariners	Woo (R)		6-5	3.94	8-7	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-2	18.1	5.89
Pirates	Ashcraft (R)	(6:40pm)	6-3	3.18	9-6	0-0	7.71	0-0	1-1	16.0	5.06
Dodgers	Ohtani (R)		7-2	1.47	7-5	—	—	1-0	2-0	18.2	3.38
Twins	Ryan (R)	(7:40pm)	5-3	2.99	9-7	—	—	0-1	1-0	17.0	2.12
Athletics	Jump (L)		3-1	2.37	—	—	—	—	2-0	18.1	1.47
Giants	Mahle (R)	(9:45pm)	1-7	6.04	3-8	0-1	9.00	0-2	0-3	15.0	8.40
Guardians	Bibee (R)		2-8	4.03	4-12	3-0	2.70	4-0	2-1	20.1	2.21
White Sox	Fedde (R)	(2:10pm)	2-6	4.46	4-4	0-0	9.00	0-0	1-0	13.0	4.15
Orioles	Gibson (R)		1-2	5.81	1-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	14.0	7.71
Angels	Soriano (R)	(4:07pm)	8-4	3.03	9-7	0-0	0.00	0-1	2-0	16.0	4.50
Royals	Cameron (L)		4-4	4.20	4-10	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	15.1	4.11
Rays	Jax (R)	(6:40pm)	2-5	3.67	5-5	0-0	0.00	2-2	1-1	15.0	1.20
Astros	Burrows (R)		3-8	5.79	4-10	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	15.0	7.80
Blue Jays	Yesavage (R)	(7:07pm)	3-3	3.76	5-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	18.0	7.00
Phillies	Nola (R)		3-4	5.71	8-7	1-1	8.56	11-9	0-0	14.0	6.43
Nationals	Mikolas (R)	(6:45pm)	2-6	5.47	3-3	0-1	5.40	2-5	1-0	12.2	4.26
Brewers	Drohan (L)		3-2	3.40	2-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	16.1	4.41
Reds	Lowder (R)	(7:10pm)	3-4	4.82	5-6	0-0	0.00	0-1	0-1	14.0	3.21
D'Backs	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cardinals	Liberatore (L)	(7:45pm)	3-4	5.23	10-5	0-0	1.29	0-0	0-1	10.1	10.45
Braves	Pérez (L)		6-3	2.78	7-4	0-0	0.00	0-1	3-0	16.1	2.76
Padres	Vásquez (R)	(8:40pm)	6-5	4.17	9-6	0-0	0.00	0-3	1-2	12.1	8.76

*** REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Go Fish. Take Eury, Miami

The Rangers vs. the Marlins, and I haven't been this excited since Uzbekistan vs. Colombia. Jacob deGrom was pounded by the Padres for six runs in six innings but escaped with the win. DeGrom gets more support than CBS newscaster Tony Dokoupil. Miami's Eury Pérez has allowed just one run on five hits over his last $10\frac{1}{3}$ innings. The Fish were 26-17 at home before Tuesday night's game. Play $50 on Pérez and the Marlins.

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The Blue Jays had this game won. Twice. Shane Bieber gave up back-to-back-to-back homers, and the Astros took a 4-0 lead. The Jays came back and led 6-4 heading into the ninth inning. Game over? No. Tied at 6-6 in the 10th inning, the Jays had a man on third with one out. Game over? No. Joey Loperfido's three-run homer off Braydon Fisher put everyone out of their misery. Needless to say, Bieber and Fisher are as popular at Casa de Stitches as Wyndham Clark at Shinnecock Hills. Loss. Still up +58 jimmykeys.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY June 24	THU June 25	FRI June 26	SAT June 27	SUN June 28
	Detroit 6:40 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 1:10 ABC 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:20 NBC/Peacock 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Cubs (DH) 1:10, SNY 7:10, PIX11 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Philadelphia 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Philadelphia 4:10 SNY 880 AM	Philadelphia 1:40 SNY 880 AM
	NO GAME	Seattle 10:00 My9	NO GAME	NO GAME	Golden State 7:00 ESPN

Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday, July 22		Friday	
	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		FIFA World Cup Break until July 22		KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

	MLB BASEBALL	
Noon	Rangers at Marlins	MLBN
1:10 p.m.	Cubs at Mets, Game 1	SNY, 880 AM
3 p.m.	Red Sox at Rockies	MLBN
6:40 p.m.	Yankees at Tigers	Prime Video, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7 p.m.	Brewers at Reds	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Cubs at Mets, Game 2	PIX11, 880 AM
10 p.m.	Athletics at Giants (joined in progress)	MLBN
	NBA BASKETBALL	
8 p.m.	2026 NBA Draft: 2nd Round	ESPN
	MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP	
3 p.m.	Group Stage: Switzerland vs. Canada	Fox, Telemundo
3 p.m.	Group Stage: Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Qatar	FS1, Universo
6 p.m.	Group Stage: Scotland vs. Brazil	Fox, Telemundo
6 p.m.	Group Stage: Morocco vs. Haiti	FS1, Universo
9 p.m.	Group Stage: Czech Republic vs. Mexico	Fox, Telemundo
9 p.m.	Group Stage: South Africa vs. South Korea	FS1, Universo
	WNBA BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m.	Mercury at Fever	USA
10 p.m.	Dream at Valkyries	CNBC, USA
	MEN'S SOCCER	
8 p.m.	USL Championship: San Antonio at Colorado Springs	ESPN2
9 p.m.	USL League One: Westchester SC at Spokane Velocity	MSG
	SOFTBALL	
8 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Bandits at Volts	CBSSN
	TENNIS	
6 a.m.	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Bad Homburg, Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Mallorca, Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m. (Thu.)	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Quarterfinals	Tennis
5 a.m. (Thu.)	WTA Bad Homburg, Quarterfinals	Tennis
5 a.m. (Thu.)	ATP Mallorca, Quarterfinals	Tennis
	HORSE RACING	
Noon	FanDuel Racing	MSGSN
	AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL	
5:30 a.m. (Thu.)	Sydney at Brisbane	FS2

PGA TOUR

Travelers Championship
TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.

GOLFER	ODDS	GOLFER	ODDS
Scottie Scheffler	+440	Patrick Cantlay	33/1
Tommy Fleetwood	16/1	J.J. Spaun	35/1
Xander Schauffele	18/1	Wyndham Clark	35/1
Ludvig Åberg	20/1	Viktor Hovland	40/1
Matt Fitzpatrick	22/1	Aaron Rai	40/1
Cameron Young	22/1	Justin Rose	45/1
Justin Thomas	25/1	Kurt Kitayama	45/1
Sam Burns	25/1	Alex Fitzpatrick	45/1
Russell Henley	25/1	Chris Gotterup	45/1
Si Woo Kim	25/1	Ben Griffin	50/1
Collin Morikawa	30/1	Keegan Bradley	50/1

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP
Wednesday
Bosnia vs. Qatar

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Bosnia-Herzegovina	-270
Draw	+420
Qatar	+600
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	+144
Under 2.5	-178

Switzerland vs. Canada

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Switzerland	+135
Draw	+210
Canada	+240
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	+104
Under 2.5	-128

Scotland vs. Brazil

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Scotland	+700
Draw	+410
Brazil	-280
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-118
Under 2.5	-104

Morocco vs. Haiti

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Morocco	-600
Draw	+600
Haiti	16/1
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 3.5	+138
Under 3.5	-170

South Africa vs. South Korea

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
South Africa	+440
Draw	+290
South Korea	-155
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	+104
Under 2.5	-128

Czechia vs. Mexico

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Czechia	+260
Draw	+300
Mexico	-110
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	+108
Under 2.5	-132

Golden boot favorites

PLAYER	ODDS
Lionel Messi (England)	+180
Kylian Mbappé (France)	+220
Harry Kane (England)	+700
Erling Haaland (Norway)	13/1
Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)	18/1
Mikel Oyarzabal (Spain)	25/1
Deniz Undav (Germany)	30/1
Vinícius Júnior (Brazil)	35/1
Lamine Yamal (Spain)	35/1
Ayase Ueda (Japan)	35/1
Kai Havertz (Germany)	45/1

BET SMART

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Conn do! Three for the Travelers

A SCOT WHO CAN BEAT SCHEFFLER: Robert MacIntyre, at 55/1, is one of Michael Leboff's long-shot choices to win this weekend's Travelers Championship.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

There are plenty of reasons to be dubious of the FedEx Cup Standings and how the PGA Tour has formatted its schedule, but this year's table does paint a pretty solid picture of how the 2026 campaign has shaken out.

Scottie Scheffler remains in his usual perch, but the gap between him and the chasing pack is as close as it has been in recent years.

Scheffler's results are still elite, but he has set such a high standard that one win, which came in his first start of the season, in 13 outings seems like a disappointment, even if he also has three runners-up and eight top 5 finishes to boot.

Fresh off a T4 at the U.S. Open, Scheffler is the +440 favorite to win the Travelers Championship, the final "Signature Event" of the season.

Tommy Fleetwood (16/1), Xander Schauffele (18/1), Ludvig Åberg (20/1), and Matt Fitzpatrick (22/1) round out the top five on the odds board at FanDuel Sportsbook.

Wyndham Clark, who is still in the field after winning the U.S. Open at Shinnecock, is 35/1.

Played at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn., the Travelers normally produces a winner around 20 under par, and that player usually fits a certain stereotype. Namely, somebody who can bomb the ball off the tee and turn one of the shortest courses on the circuit into a glorified pitch-and-putt.

Keegan Bradley has two wins in the past three years in Cromwell, with Scheffler taking the prize in 2024 and Schauffele lifting the trophy in 2022. All three of those guys can rip it with their 1-wood.

Here are our 2026 Travelers Championship recommendations:

Patrick Cantlay (33/1, FanDuel)

He missed the cut at the U.S. Open, but don't let that scare you off of Cantlay at this price on this course.

Though he's never won at TPC River Highlands, his average finishing position is 11th in eight trips, and he's never finished worse than 15th. Cantlay finished 12th here last year, was fifth the year before, and then fourth in 2023.

It's been four years since he won a PGA Tour event, but Cantlay has been trending in the right direction for the past three months. He's finished 17th or better, with three top 10s, in his past seven outings.

Robert MacIntyre (55/1, FanDuel)

McIntyre has played this event only twice but seems to be a fit at TPC River Highlands. And it's easy to see why.

The Scottish southpaw can hit the ball a mile off the tee, but he blends precision with power. MacIntyre ranks 14th on the PGA Tour this season in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee.

He has fallen off the boil a bit since the Masters, but don't forget that MacIntyre posted three top 5 finishes in his first seven starts in 2026 and was a very trendy pick at Augusta National.

This is a great buy-low opportunity.

Gary Woodland (60/1, DraftKings)

Another player who can do serious damage with the driver, Woodland ranks third in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee this season, trailing only Rory McIlroy and Michael Brennan.

His course history at TPC River Highlands is not great, but don't forget the adversity that the 42-year-old has had to deal with in the past few years. He's a completely different player.

Woodland has two top 10s in his past three outings, including a T7 at Shinnecock last week.

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Yankees	47	31	.603	—	—	6-4	W-1	22-15	25-16
Tampa Bay	43	33	.566	3	+5½	3-7	L-2	26-12	17-21
Toronto	39	40	.494	8½	—	6-4	L-1	22-19	17-21
Baltimore	38	43	.469	10½	2	4-6	L-1	22-19	16-24
Boston	32	45	.416	14½	6	4-6	W-1	12-25	20-20

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	41	37	.526	—	—	4-6	W-2	26-12	15-25
Cleveland	41	39	.513	1	+1½	4-6	L-3	19-17	22-22
Minnesota	38	43	.469	4½	2	6-4	L-2	20-21	18-22
Detroit	34	45	.430	7½	5	5-5	L-1	22-17	12-28
Kansas City	34	46	.425	8	5½	6-4	W-2	19-22	15-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	41	39	.513	—	—	5-5	W-2	22-19	19-20
Athletics	38	41	.481	2½	1	4-6	L-3	18-23	20-18
Texas	38	41	.481	2½	1	4-6	L-1	19-18	19-23
Houston	38	43	.469	3½	2	6-4	W-1	20-21	18-22
Los Angeles	33	48	.407	8½	7	4-6	W-1	18-21	15-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Yankees 4, Detroit 3
Houston 9, Toronto 7, 11 inn.
Kansas City 12, Tampa Bay 5
Seattle 3, Pittsburgh 2
Miami 6, Texas 4
White Sox 2, Cleveland 1
L.A. Dodgers 12, Minnesota 3
Boston 5, Colorado 2
L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 1
San Francisco 3, Athletics 1

Wednesday

Yankees at Detroit, 6:40
Texas at Miami, 12:10
Cleveland at White Sox, 2:10
Boston at Colorado, 3:10
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 4:07
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6:40
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Houston at Toronto, 7:07
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, 7:40
Athletics at San Francisco, 9:45

Thursday

Yankees at Boston, 7:10
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 12:10
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Athletics at San Francisco, 3:45
Houston at Detroit, 6:40
Texas at Toronto, 7:07

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	48	30	.615	—	—	3-7	L-3	24-14	24-16
Philadelphia	43	36	.544	5½	+1½	6-4	W-1	23-19	20-17
Miami	41	39	.513	8	1	6-4	W-1	27-17	14-22
Washington	41	39	.513	8	1	6-4	L-1	17-23	24-16
Mets	34	44	.436	14	7	4-6	L-3	18-19	16-25

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	48	29	.623	—	—	6-4	W-3	25-15	23-14
St. Louis	42	35	.545	6	+1½	5-5	L-1	22-18	20-17
Chicago	41	37	.526	7½	—	7-3	W-1	23-17	18-20
Pittsburgh	39	40	.494	10	2½	4-6	L-1	20-20	19-20
Cincinnati	37	41	.474	11½	4	5-5	L-2	19-21	18-20

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	51	29	.638	—	—	7-3	W-2	26-14	25-15
San Diego	41	37	.526	9	—	6-4	W-2	21-19	20-18
Arizona	40	39	.506	10½	1½	5-5	W-1	24-17	16-22
San Francisco	32	46	.410	18	9	5-5	W-1	15-20	17-26
Colorado	31	49	.388	20	11	5-5	L-1	17-22	14-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Cubs 9, **Mets** 6
Seattle 3, Pittsburgh 2
Miami 6, Texas 4
Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 0
Philadelphia 14, Washington 9
Arizona 4, St. Louis 3
L.A. Dodgers 12, Minnesota 3
Boston 5, Colorado 2
San Francisco 3, Athletics 1
San Diego 7, Atlanta 6, 10 inn.

Wednesday

Cubs at **Mets**, 1:10, 1st game
Cubs at **Mets**, 7:10, 2nd game
Texas at Miami, 12:10
Boston at Colorado, 3:10
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:45
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, 7:40
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:45
Atlanta at San Diego, 8:40
Athletics at San Francisco, 9:45

Thursday

Cubs at **Mets**, 7:10
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Athletics at San Francisco, 3:45
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:45
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:45

POST SU DOKU **Puzzles on Page 50**

8	4	9	6	3	2	5	1	7
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Solution to Very Easy #7,319

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Solution to Difficult #7,109

Yankees 4, Tigers 3

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rice dh	5	0	0	0	0	2	.283
Domínguez rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.227
Bellinger lf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.271
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.293
Chisholm 2b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.230
S.Jones cf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.220
Caballero 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.258
Wells c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.164
Volpe ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.278
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**2**	**13**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Dingler c	4	1	3	1	0	0	.272
Vierling cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.200
Greene lf	2	0	0	0	2	1	.290
Torkelson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.210
J.Jones dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Carpenter ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	.226
Lee 2b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.239
Keith ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.257
McKinstry ss-2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.181
Malgeri rf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.667
Totals	**32**	**3**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**7**	

Yankees	**000 103 000**	**—**	**4**	**9**	**0**
Detroit	**002 001 000**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**0**

LOB: New York 6, Detroit 5. **2B:** Domínguez (6), Wells (2), Dingler (15), Vierling (11). **HR:** Chisholm (12), off Mize. **RBIs:** Caballero (27), Chisholm 2 (33), Wells (8), Dingler (56), Vierling (27). **SB:** Domínguez (4), Volpe (7). **CS:** Volpe (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Volpe, Chisholm, Bellinger, Wells); Detroit 1 (Keith). **RISP:** New York 0 for 8; Detroit 3 for 7. **DP:** New York 2 (Goldschmidt; Domínguez, Goldschmidt, Domínguez).

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodón, W, 4-2	5.1	6	3	3	2	5	87	3.70
Cruz, H, 12	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	17	2.16
Headrick, H, 8	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	22	1.66
Bednar, S, 15-17	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	17	3.38

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Mize, L, 2-5	5.2	8	4	4	1	6	97	2.95
Holton	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	17	3.50
Finnegan	1.1	0	0	0	0	4	18	1.95
De Jesús	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.45

T: 2:51. **A:** 27,157 (41,083).

Marlins 6, Rangers 4

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson 1b	5	1	3	1	0	0	.242
Langford cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.264
Nimmo dh	5	1	2	2	0	2	.271
Jung 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.300
Duran ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.269
Osuna rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.259
Kelenic lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.217
Higashioka c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.223
N.Lopez 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0	.290
Totals	**36**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**3**	**7**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	2	0	.200
O.Lopez ss	5	1	2	0	0	0	.337
Stowers lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.223
Edwards 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.293
Caissie rf	4	1	1	3	0	2	.225
Ruiz rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Hernández dh	3	2	2	1	1	0	.235
Mack c	4	1	2	2	0	0	.259
Norby 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.205
Sanoja 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.249
Totals	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**3**	**6**	

Texas	**010 000 012**	**—**	**4**	**10**	**0**
Miami	**010 140 00x**	**—**	**6**	**12**	**1**

E: Zuber (1). **LOB:** Texas 9, Miami 9. **2B:** Stowers (14), Hernández (3), Sanoja (13). **3B:** Nimmo (3). **HR:** Nimmo (8), off Zuber; Pederson (10), off Fairbanks; Hernández (8), off Quantrill; Mack (4), off Corniell; Caissie (9), off Corniell. **RBIs:** N.Lopez (6), Nimmo 2 (28), Pederson (26), Hernández (29), Mack 2 (18), Caissie 3 (43). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 6 (N.Lopez, Jung, Kelenic, Duran, Langford 2); Miami 5 (Caissie 3, Stowers 2). **RISP:** Texas 1 for 11; Miami 2 for 9. **DP:** Miami 1 (Edwards, O.Lopez, Norby).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Quantrill	2.0	3	1	1	0	1	34	3.73
Corniell, L, 0-1	3.1	7	5	5	2	3	69	13.50
Ross	2.2	2	0	0	1	2	30	8.71

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alcantara, W, 8-4	6.2	5	1	1	3	4	109	4.01
Zuber	0.2	3	1	1	0	1	18	5.68
Bachar	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.98
Fairbanks	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	17	6.65

T: 2:47. **A:** 9,971 (37,446).

Cubs 9, Mets 6

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	1	1	3	2	2	.287
Bregman 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.246
Busch 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.244
Suzuki dh	3	1	1	0	2	1	.270
Happ lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.228
Shaw rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.254
Hoerner 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.235
Kelly c	2	3	1	2	2	0	.285
Swanson ss	3	1	2	4	0	0	.189
Totals	**32**	**9**	**8**	**9**	**7**	**9**	

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Benge rf	4	1	1	1	1	1	.257
Bichette ss	4	1	2	2	1	2	.251
Soto lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.299
Vientos 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2	.221
Young 1b-lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Wagaman ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Ewing cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.260
Semien 2b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.216
Baty 3b	3	2	1	0	1	0	.220
Melendez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.184
Alvarez c	4	1	2	3	0	1	.257
Totals	**32**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**7**	**10**	

Chicago	**050 200 020**	**—**	**9**	**8**	**0**
Mets	**020 000 103**	**—**	**6**	**6**	**1**

E: Wagaman (1). **LOB:** Chicago 5, New York 6. **2B:** Hoerner (17), Kelly (8), Swanson (9). **HR:** Crow-Armstrong (17), off Senga; Swanson (9), off Senga; Alvarez (6), off Maton; Bichette (9), off Murray. **RBIs:** Kelly 2 (28), Swanson 4 (35), Crow-Armstrong 3 (43), Alvarez 3 (16), Benge (30), Bichette 2 (44). **SF:** Swanson. **GIDP:** Semien. **DP:** Chicago 1 (Hoerner, Busch).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cabrera, W, 5-4	5.0	3	2	2	4	4	99	5.10
Milner	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	12	3.38
Maton	1.0	1	1	1	1	2	21	6.04
Rolison	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	1.88
Murray	1.0	2	3	3	1	2	26	8.79

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Senga, L, 0-6	3.2	3	7	7	5	6	98	10.08
Pérez	2.1	0	0	0	0	1	29	5.34
Myers	2.0	4	2	2	2	1	45	6.00
Minter	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	0.00

T: 3:19. **A:** 35,668 (42,136).

White Sox 2, Guardians 1

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Manzardo 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.231
Rocchio ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Hoskins dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.173
Schneemann 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Fairchild ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.158
Arias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Watson rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.176
Kwan lf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.206
Hedges c	3	0	2	0	0	1	.267
Halpin cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.174
Fry ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Totals	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**2**	**8**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Vargas 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.237
Grichuk dh	3	1	1	0	0	0	.266
Meidroth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.268
C.Montgomery 3b	3	0	1	1	0	2	.219
Perez cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.222
B.Montgomery rf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.250
Acuña ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.211
Antonacci lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Romo c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.140
Totals	**27**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**11**	

Cleveland	**000 010 000**	**—**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Chicago	**000 101 00x**	**—**	**2**	**3**	**0**

E: Hedges (3). **LOB:** Cleveland 7, Chicago 2. **2B:** Kwan (9), Hedges (7), Grichuk (8). **HR:** Watson (1), off Burke; Vargas (17), off Messick. **RBIs:** Watson (3), C.Montgomery (46), Vargas (45). **CS:** Watson (1). **S:** Halpin. **RISP:** Cleveland 0 for 6; Chicago 1 for 5.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Messick, L, 7-4	7.2	3	2	2	1	10	95	2.67
Holderman	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1.61

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burke, W, 5-4	6.1	6	1	1	1	6	90	3.71
Newcomb, S, 2-3	2.2	0	0	0	1	2	45	2.44

T: 2:06. **A:** 28,883 (40,241).

Phillies 14, Nationals 9

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	6	1	2	1	0	2	.226
Marsh lf	6	2	3	2	0	1	.315
Harper 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.268
Bohm 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.230
Stubbs pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Kerkering p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Hill ph-rf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.230
Stott 2b	4	4	3	3	0	0	.241
Realmuto c	4	1	1	3	1	2	.206
Rincones rf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.125
Shugart p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Sosa dh-3b	5	2	2	5	0	2	.238
Crawford cf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.243
Totals	**43**	**14**	**17**	**14**	**3**	**12**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.269
Mead 3b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.221
Chaparro 1b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.200
García ph-1b	1	2	1	1	1	0	.262
Crews lf	4	3	2	0	0	1	.219
Vivas 2b	3	2	2	3	1	0	.259
Young cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.225
Nuñez ss	3	1	1	2	1	2	.242
Tena dh	4	0	2	2	0	2	.221
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.282
Totals	**35**	**9**	**9**	**8**	**4**	**17**	

Philadelphia	**000 020 138**	**—**	**14**	**17**	**0**
Washington	**010 400 031**	**—**	**9**	**9**	**1**

E: Wood (4). **LOB:** Philadelphia 6, Washington 4. **2B:** Crawford (11), Marsh (14), Realmuto (7), Sosa (5), Tena (8). **HR:** Sosa (5), off Littell; Marsh (11), off Lord; Stott (7), off Lord; Vivas (2), off Kerkering; García (12), off Shugart. **RBIs:** Sosa 5 (24), Realmuto 3 (22), Marsh 2 (38), Stott 3 (39), Turner (23), Nuñez 2 (26), Tena 2 (16), Vivas 3 (13), García (48). **SB:** Nuñez 2 (31), Stott (15), Ruiz (2). **RISP:** Philadelphia 6 for 12; Washington 4 for 11. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Bohm, Stott, Harper); Washington 1 (Vivas, Nuñez, Chaparro).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Luzardo	6.2	6	5	5	3	13	104	4.39
Bowlan	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.47
Kerkering, W, 4-0	1.0	2	3	3	1	2	22	3.03
Shugart	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	12	3.38

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Poulin	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.97
Littell	4.0	5	2	2	0	5	59	5.40
Parker, H, 5	1.1	2	1	1	0	1	15	5.73
Ribalta, H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	3.22
Lovelady, H, 8	0.1	1	3	3	1	1	15	3.64
Beeter, BS, 6-9	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	9	3.42
Lord, L, 5-1, BS, 1-2	0.2	5	6	6	1	2	30	3.31
Schultz	0.1	3	2	2	1	1	21	5.87

T: 2:58. **A:** 29,611 (41,376).

Brewers 2, Reds 0

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Chourio lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.293
Turang 2b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.266
Contreras dh	4	0	1	0	0	3	.295
Vaughn 1b	1	1	0	1	2	0	.345
Bauers rf	3	0	1	1	1	2	.267
Frelick rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Sánchez c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.215
Perkins cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.157
Mitchell ph-cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Pratt ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.304
Ortiz 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.198
Totals	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**4**	**14**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dunn cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.272
De La Cruz ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.277
Bleday lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Stewart 1b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.246
Lowe dh	3	0	1	0	0	2	.256
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.201
Marte rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.208
Trevino c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.159
Arroyo 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Totals	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**13**	

Milwaukee	**000 001 010**	**—**	**2**	**5**	**0**
Cincinnati	**000 000 000**	**—**	**0**	**2**	**1**

E: Trevino (4). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 1. **3B:** Bauers (1). **RBIs:** Bauers (47), Vaughn (21). **SB:** Turang (13), Pratt (4). **CS:** Arroyo (1). **SF:** Vaughn. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 5 (Chourio, Sánchez 4); Cincinnati 1 (Stewart). **RISP:** Milwaukee 0 for 7; Cincinnati 0 for 1. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Ortiz, Turang, Vaughn); Cincinnati 1 (Arroyo, Stewart).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sproat, W, 2-4	6.0	1	0	0	0	10	80	5.43
Ashby, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.04
Uribe, H, 10	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	16	3.38
Megill, S, 10-12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.72

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lodolo	4.0	2	0	0	1	6	75	5.59
Garcia, L, 0-1	1.2	0	1	1	2	3	35	5.40
Ferguson	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	8	1.42
Johnson	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	7	3.18
Petty	2.0	2	1	1	1	3	34	4.42

T: 2:29. **A:** 28,302 (43,891).

Giants 3, Athletics 1

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Gelof 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.284
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Kurtz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.290
Langeliers c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.271
Soderstrom lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.242
Wilson ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.281
Meneses dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.333
Butler ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.195
Bolte cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.315
Thomas rf	3	1	0	0	0	0	.215
Muncy 3b	2	0	1	1	1	0	.223
Totals	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**7**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.320
Cox cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.400
Eldridge dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	.298
Schmitt lf-2b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.296
Devers 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.238
Lee rf	3	1	2	1	1	0	.327
Adames ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.223
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	1	0	3	.243
Gilbert cf-lf	1	0	0	0	2	0	.236
Susac c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.278
Totals	**31**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**4**	**11**	

Athletics	**001 000 000**	**—**	**1**	**3**	**0**
San Francisco	**020 000 10x**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**1**

E: Lee (2). **LOB:** Athletics 6, San Francisco 9. **2B:** Adames (18). **HR:** Lee (4), off Civale. **RBIs:** Muncy (16), Lee (26), Chapman (41), Devers (36). **SB:** Lee (4). **CS:** Muncy (1), Gilbert (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 1 (Bolte); San Francisco 5 (Susac 3, Adames 2). **RISP:** Athletics 1 for 2; San Francisco 2 for 9.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Civale, L, 5-3	4.0	6	2	2	0	5	84	4.91
Krook	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	25	0.00
Barnett	1.0	1	1	1	2	3	25	0.71
Suarez	1.2	1	0	0	1	1	25	5.27

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ray, W, 5-6	8.0	2	1	0	4	6	102	4.07
Kilian, S, 4-5	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	18	3.06

T: 2:41. **A:** 40,043 (41,915).

Padres 7, Braves 6, 10 inn.

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Harris cf	5	1	3	1	0	1	.310
Albies 2b	3	0	1	1	2	1	.281
Olson 1b	4	0	0	1	1	2	.267
Smith lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.281
Mateo ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Dubón ss-lf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.264
Baldwin c	4	1	0	0	0	3	.271
Kim pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.081
Bart c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.216
Tellez dh	5	1	1	2	0	1	.200
Yastrzemski rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.228
White ph-rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.224
Totals	**40**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**4**	**14**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	5	2	2	2	0	1	.286
Taylor lf	4	0	3	1	1	1	.370
Merrill cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.215
Machado 3b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.185
Sheets 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.225
France ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Bogaerts ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.226
Wagner dh	2	1	0	0	1	1	.276
Andujar ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Durán c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.136
Song 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.208
Totals	**35**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**4**	**8**	

Atlanta	**040 110 000**	**0**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**1**
San Diego	**050 000 100**	**1**	**—**	**7**	**9**	**1**

E: Dubón (3), Tatis (4). **LOB:** Atlanta 10, San Diego 7. **2B:** Harris 2 (13), Albies (14), Tatis (14), Merrill (15). **HR:** Dubón (8), off Matsui; Tatis (3), off Carrasco. **RBIs:** Tellez 2 (4), Harris (42), Olson (52), Albies (42), Dubón (43), Durán (7), Song (6), Tatis 2 (28), Taylor (9), Machado (43). **SB:** Taylor (5), Song (6). **S:** Merrill. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 7 (Smith 4, Olson 2, White); San Diego 4 (France, Bogaerts, Machado 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 3 for 14; San Diego 5 for 15.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ritchie	5.0	5	5	4	4	7	98	4.87
Carrasco, BS, 0-2	1.2	2	1	1	0	0	30	3.68
Lee	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	17	1.04
Iglesias, L, 0-2	1.0	2	1	0	0	1	19	1.42

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peralta	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	1.86
Canning	0.2	4	4	4	1	2	40	7.38
Hart	2.0	2	1	1	1	3	45	4.12
Matsui	2.1	3	1	1	1	3	35	1.67
Morgan	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	15	4.58
Morejon	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3.51
Miller, W, 2-1	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	22	0.79

T: 3:09. **A:** 41,379 (40,222).

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Red Sox 5, Rockies 2

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Eaton lf	4	2	3	2	1	0	.333
Rafaela cf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.280
Abreu rf	4	1	2	2	1	0	.279
Contreras 1b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.281
Duran dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.199
Durbin 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Monasterio ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.223
Wong c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.259
Seigler 2b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.250
Totals	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**6**	**4**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.293
Moniak lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.277
Goodman c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.243
Rumfield 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.282
Freeman rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.273
Castro 3b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.275
Johnston dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.311
Tovar ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.212
Julien 2b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.223
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**12**	

Boston	**110 012 000 —**	**5**	**11**	**1**
Colorado	**010 000 001 —**	**2**	**8**	**0**

E: Abreu (4). **LOB:** Boston 10, Colorado 8. **2B:** Eaton 2 (2), Johnston (22). **3B:** Abreu (2). **HR:** Abreu (10), off S.Sullivan; Castro (6), off Gray; Tovar (6), off Whitlock. **RBIs:** Abreu 2 (38), Eaton 2 (3), Rafaela (33), Castro (33), Tovar (25). **SB:** Eaton (2), McCarthy (12), Abreu (6), Rafaela (9). **CS:** Wong (1). **RISP:** Boston 4 for 11; Colorado 0 for 6.**DP:** Boston 1 (Seigler, Monasterio, Contreras).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray, W, 9-1	7.0	6	1	1	3	11	93	2.95
Slaten	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	5.74
Whitlock	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	2.92

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
S.Sullivan, L, 0-2	5.0	5	3	3	5	3	94	8.25
Agnos	3.0	5	2	2	1	1	41	7.21
Mejia	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	10	6.75

T: 2:27. **A:** 29,961 (50,144).

Dodgers 12, Twins 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	3	1	0	1	1	2	.293
M.Rojas ph-dh	1	1	1	1	0	0	.272
Pages cf	5	3	3	1	1	1	.269
Freeman 1b	5	1	3	2	1	1	.278
Betts ss	6	1	2	1	0	2	.218
Edman lf	5	0	1	1	1	2	.364
Muncy 3b	6	0	1	2	0	2	.263
Call rf	4	3	2	1	2	0	.270
Freeland 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0	.241
Robinson c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.133
Totals	**43**	**12**	**17**	**11**	**7**	**10**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Martin lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Buxton cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.275
Bell dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.248
Lewis 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.205
Lee 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.238
Caratini c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.236
Keaschall 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Gray ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Kreidler ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.282
Fedko rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.000
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**2**	**5**	

Los Angeles	**101 301 105 —**	**12**	**17**	**1**
Minnesota	**011 000 001 —**	**3**	**7**	**1**

E: Betts (3), Keaschall (8). **LOB:** Los Angeles 13, Minnesota 6. **2B:** Freeman 2 (19), M.Rojas (6), Muncy (11), Buxton (14). **HR:** Call (1), off Rogers; Caratini (6), off Wrobleski; Lee (13), off Stewart. **RBIs:** Edman (1), Ohtani (45), Freeman 2 (43), Betts (20), Robinson (1), Call (15), M.Rojas (13), Pages (58), Muncy 2 (33), Caratini (30), Bell (49), Lee (45). **SF:** Ohtani. **S:** Robinson. **RISP:** Los Angeles 5 for 19; Minnesota 1 for 2.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wrobleski, W, 9-2	7.0	5	2	2	2	3	92	2.71
Henriquez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2.93
Stewart	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	18	3.00

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
K.Rojas	2.0	1	1	1	3	4	50	1.65
Voth, L, 0-1	4.0	11	6	5	1	2	96	9.90
Adams	2.0	0	0	0	1	4	30	6.75
Rogers	1.0	5	5	5	2	0	38	6.30

T: 3:01. **A:** 30,117 (38,544).

Diamondbacks 4, Cardinals 3

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.262
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.234
Carroll rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.280
Moreno c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.275
Smith 1b	2	0	0	0	2	0	.167
Vargas pr-1b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.261
Arenado 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.239
Gurriel lf	4	0	2	2	0	1	.216
Barrosa pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.181
Groover dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.175
Troy cf-lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**3**	**6**	**5**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Herrera dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.263
Walker rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.290
Nootbaar cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.291
Velázquez lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.294
Church ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Fermín 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.266
Burleson 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.288
Jordan 3b	2	0	0	1	1	0	.256
Pagés c	1	0	0	0	1	1	.219
Crooks ph-c	2	0	1	1	0	1	.178
Torres pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**4**	**9**	

Arizona	**000 000 004 —**	**4**	**6**	**0**
St. Louis	**000 000 003 —**	**3**	**7**	**0**

LOB: Arizona 7, St. Louis 7. **2B:** Marte (17), Groover (2), Gurriel (5), Arenado (13), Nootbaar (4), Burleson (20). **RBIs:** Arenado (33), Gurriel 2 (15), Burleson (57), Jordan (9), Crooks (7). **CS:** Perdomo (7). **SF:** Jordan. **RISP:** Arizona 2 for 13; St. Louis 3 for 8. **DP:** Arizona 1 (Perdomo, Moreno, Perdomo).

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez	6.2	3	0	0	3	5	95	2.27
Morillo	0.1	0	0	0	1	1	10	2.97
Ginkel, W, 3-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.93
Sewald	0.2	4	3	3	0	1	23	4.03
Garcia, S, 1-1	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	2.50

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Leahy	6.1	3	0	0	2	3	85	4.24
Rajcic	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	24	3.60
Svanson, L, 2-2	0.1	3	4	3	1	1	36	7.27
Graceffo	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	22	2.92

T: 2:52. **A:** 23,560 (44,494).

Royals 12, Rays 5

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Thomas cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Rave lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.300
Loftin 3b	5	4	4	2	0	0	.264
Caglianone 1b	5	3	3	3	0	1	.277
Perez c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.206
Rojas ph-2b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.333
Jensen dh-c	4	1	1	0	1	0	.244
Marte rf	4	0	0	1	0	0	.264
Massey 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.261
Seabold p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Tolbert ss	3	2	2	0	0	0	.250
Misner lf-cf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.333
Totals	**39**	**12**	**14**	**10**	**1**	**6**	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	2	1	0	0	1	1	.324
Mesa ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.170
Aranda 1b	5	1	2	1	0	2	.278
Mullins cf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.199
Caminero 3b	5	1	3	3	0	0	.281
Palacios 2b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.236
DeLuca rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.271
Simpson lf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.264
Walls ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.221
Feduccia c	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236
Totals	**34**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**6**	**9**	

Kansas City	**200 040 051 —**	**12**	**14**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**100 000 013 —**	**5**	**9**	**1**

E: McClanahan (3). **LOB:** Kansas City 3, Tampa Bay 9. **2B:** Massey (13), Perez (9), Misner (1), Rojas (1). **HR:** Loftin (3), off McClanahan; Caglianone 2 (14), off McClanahan; Caminero (16), off Way. **RBIs:** Loftin 2 (24), Caglianone 3 (30), Perez 2 (30), Marte (7), Misner (4), Rojas (3), Caminero 3 (37), Aranda (52), Mullins (22). **SB:** Simpson (17). **CS:** Palacios (5). **SF:** Marte. **S:** Tolbert. **RISP:** Kansas City 5 for 10; Tampa Bay 4 for 13. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Tolbert, Caglianone, Tolbert).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Avila, W, 3-3	5.0	3	1	1	4	6	87	5.06
Cruz	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	10	6.26
Strahm	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	16	6.20
Way	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	16	4.35
Seabold	1.0	4	3	3	1	2	37	4.84

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McClanahan, L, 6-5	6.0	6	6	2	1	4	75	3.30
Matz	2.0	6	5	5	0	2	43	6.28
Williamson	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	11	9.00

T: 2:33. **A:** 11,171 (25,025).

Change is ... good?

PGA plan to divide players into 2 circuits favors game's best

By MARK CANNIZZARO

IN THE WILD: Tiger Woods made his first public appearance Tuesday since his recent DUI arrest to detail changes to the PGA Tour he discussed with soon-to-be-commissioner Brian Rolapp. Getty Images

There was a moment at the end of the PGA Tour's anticipated summit Tuesday in advance of the Travelers Championship outside Hartford, Conn., that felt equal parts awkward and "Captain Obvious."

Brian Rolapp, who was hired as the CEO of the PGA Tour a year ago after an impressive run as NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's right-hand man, had just finished mapping out an aggressive new business strategy for the tour.

The plan divides the tour into a Championship Series and a Challenger Series with opportunities to elevate and relegate.

He also announced that the end-of-the-season Tour Championship will morph into a match-play format and be rotated around iconic venues across the U.S. that potentially include Pine Valley.

When that was all over following a question-and-answer session with reporters, it was announced that Rolapp would succeed Jay Monahan as the commissioner of the PGA Tour.

The announcement was weird because Monahan, who's been justifiably skewered for his mishandling of the LIV Golf invasion by not taking it seriously until it was too late, had already announced that he was stepping down at the end of the year.

Even though Rolapp has been in place with a different title, the fact is that he'd already taken over for Monahan on all important decision-making the moment he was brought in from the NFL.

The changing of the guard, though, is a significant one because Monahan, a nice man, was flawed in that he always wanted to keep everyone happy (which is impossible).

Rolapp comes off as a little more cutthroat coming from the monster that is the NFL, which dictates how it wants to operate, naysayers be damned.

With the PGA Tour, Rolapp entered an entirely new, more delicate world with his focus squarely on the players and the fans.

Rolapp has been adamant since he arrived that the players will have a say in whatever decisions are made concerning changes within the PGA Tour — even if they don't all agree.

It is no accident that Tiger Woods, as the head of the Future Competition Committee, has been intimately involved in this process and was front and center at Tuesday's news conference.

It was Woods' first public appearance since returning from rehab in Europe after his recent DUI arrest.

"This work was bigger than any one player or person," Woods said. "It was about designing the strongest possible version of the PGA Tour for the future generations of fans and players. From the beginning, the committee's focus was on delivering a better experience for our fans while creating a model that best sets up the tour, its players and its partners for long-term success and stability."

Ultimately, this new PGA Tour Rolapp rolled out makes the rich richer and makes it more difficult for the lower-level players to survive.

Rolapp is bent on seeing the top players playing more of the same events together, which made it somewhat ironic that at the Travelers, a tour signature event, second-ranked Rory McIlroy is not in the field.

This, of course, is not a perfect science Rolapp is trying to create. But he is trying to move the PGA Tour forward.

The PGA Tour approved recommendations from the Future Competition Committee, the PGA Tour Policy Board and PGA Tour Enterprises Board to create a new model that will include two separate series of tournaments — the Championship Series and Challenger Series.

They will run concurrently during the season with the Challenger Series becoming the primary pathway to the Championship Series, with golfers competing to advance to the top track, including in-season elevation with two victories.

The PGA Tour, in a statement, said it hopes these changes will bring "competitive clarity and heightened consequence" and "deliver a stronger, more compelling experience for fans, players and partners."

"Every sport has a tradition, and golf is no different," Rolapp said Tuesday. "Golf is a rich one. It's our job to honor that tradition, but not be overly bound by it. If you talk to our fans, if you talk to our partners, they are all looking for improvement, and there's one thing I learned in my old job: Innovation is extremely important if you want to move a sport forward."

The new model eliminates sponsor exemptions in an effort to emphasize the meritocracy on which the tour has always been built.

It also eliminates the confusing and constantly changing FedExCup playoff points system and instead reward a top player of the year at the end of the Tour Championship.

The tour, according to Rolapp, wants to "reward winning, emphasize top finishes and reinforce the importance of making the cut, creating clear and more compelling storylines on an event-by-event and seasonlong basis."

Something Rolapp has been adamant about from the start of this is targeting larger markets such as New York, Boston, Denver, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington for tournaments.

"Whatever competition we put out there, if it doesn't feel authentic to the players, it won't feel authentic to anybody, including the fans," Rolapp said. "The players thought that it was important to have the season finale culminating in a regular-season winner at the end of a regular season, and I could probably argue that if you beat the best 120 golfers over the series of a season, that is the most impressive accomplishment in the sport."

Poch should win, but not at all costs

IRVINE, Calif. — Maintain the momentum.

Cultivate confidence.

Win the game.

Those should be three goals at the top of Mauricio Pochettino's list of things to do when his USMNT takes on Turkey in the third and final Group D match Thursday night at SoFi Stadium.

Pochettino has pushed all the right coaching buttons for his team — first in the lead-up to this World Cup and, more importantly, in the first two Group D matches.

Mark Cannizzaro

Pochettino's boys are coasting off their dominant opening 4-1 victory over Paraguay and the 2-0 result over Australia on Friday to clinch first place in the group.

He navigated two complicated camps without his full squad present for various reasons — in November and March — and still managed to grow the team.

He's executed a fun-to-watch, aggressive offensive approach that has produced the most goals in group play (six) in 96 years of U.S. World Cup history.

The question now is this: What buttons will Pochettino push in Thursday night's third group match?

The U.S. finds itself in an unfamiliarly comfortable position in this World Cup, having played so well in the first two matches that it has turned the Turkey match into a glorified friendly — an exhibition that cannot improve its position for next week's round of 32 knockout stage.

Turkey is already eliminated from the knockout rounds, rendering Thursday's match one being played merely for pride.

Even with nothing tangible to play for, this is the button Pochettino should push Thursday night: Win the match and carry momentum into next Wednesday's Round of 32.

But do so judiciously.

It means not playing any of the four players who are carrying yellow cards from the group stage — midfielder Tyler Adams, striker Folarin Balogun, defender Chris Richards and fullback Antonee Robinson.

This is a rather obvious decision considering any player who receives two yellow cards during the three group-stage games receives a mandatory one-match suspension. Risking any of those four players isn't worth it.

The yellow cards from the group stage are wiped clean at its conclusion and are a nonfactor for the elimination stage.

U.S. striker Christian Pulisic, who injured his left calf in the first half of the Paraguay match and did not play the Australia match, has been fit enough to practice the past two days.

Pochettino should play Pulisic against Turkey, but with caution.

Start him and play him 20 to 25 minutes or sub him in for a similar period of time. Let him get his legs underneath him and regain confidence because he played extremely well in the first half against Paraguay.

If Pochettino puts bubble wrap on his star striker and doesn't play him at all against Turkey, Pulisic will have gone 19 days without playing in a match by the time the U.S. plays its Round of 32 match on July 1 in Santa Clara, Calif.

And that's too long. Pochettino can keep Pulisic fresh and match-ready without putting him in harm's way.

Still, players have to play, and they have to feel good about themselves as they ready themselves for that first elimination match.

Don't waste the 90 minutes. Even with nothing tangible to play for, Pochettino can use those 90 minutes against Turkey to make his team better for the next, more important match.

This is a great opportunity for him to get his top bench players quality minutes, because they're surely going to be needed if the Americans are going to make a deep run in their home World Cup.

"You don't want to go into a knockout round having a bad feeling about how the last game went," U.S. winger Max Arfsten said Tuesday. "So, although we have advanced, I don't think it changes anything in terms of preparation or mentality. It's very important to try and continue to ride the wave of good performance."

That means maintaining momentum.

It means cultivating the confidence gained from the first two matches.

It means playing to win.

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KANE ON HIS PARADE: Harry Kane reacts after missing a tailor-made chance to get England on the board late in Monday's game with Ghana that ended in a 0-0 draw. Imagn Images

ZERO HOUR

England can't break tie in frantic final minutes of draw with Ghana

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — England dominated possession but came up empty on several late scoring opportunities in a 0-0 draw with Ghana on Tuesday.

Both teams won their opening matches, with Ghana beating Panama 1-0 and England defeating Croatia 4-2. Now both still have work to do in Group L before securing a spot in the knockout round.

England, which has not lost to an African country at the World Cup in nine meetings, outshot Ghana 19-1 but failed capitalize on multiple chances in the closing minutes.

England lost to France in the quarterfinals at the 2022 tournament in Qatar. Ghana hasn't made it to the knockout round since reaching the quarterfinals at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

The Three Lions had a chance to take the lead in the 86th minute when Nico O'Reilly's header hit the crossbar. Harry Kane gathered the rebound but couldn't get enough on it with his left foot and shot high.

Ghana's best chance came in the 78th minute came when Abdul Fatawu outfought England midfielder Eberechi Eze for the ball and raced down the sideline. He fed the ball to Prince Adu, but he was challenged from behind by Ezri Konsa before he could get off a shot. Adu wanted a foul but didn't get it.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Portugal 5, Uzbekistan 0

In Houston, Cristiano Ronaldo rebounded from a lackluster start to his sixth World Cup and led Portugal to a dominant victory over Uzbekistan, renewing hope that the team is a contender for the title.

Ronaldo scored two goals to help Portugal roll to the 5-0 win and move on from its disappointing performance in the opening 1-1 draw with Congo.

"We improved," Ronaldo said in Portuguese. "It's life, sometimes you will have challenges and the main goal is always to improve and that's what we did."

The 41-year-old Ronaldo became the first player to score in six different World Cup tournaments.

Croatia 1, Panama 0

In Toronto, Josip Staniši lifted a curving cross onto the boot of Ante Budimir, who tapped it into an open net in the 54th minute Tuesday, giving Croatia a win over Panama.

Croatia remains in contention for the knockout round ahead of its third and final group-stage match against Ghana on Saturday.

Colombia 1, DR Congo 0

In Guadalajara, Mexico, Daniel Muñoz helped Colombia break through Congo's stingy defense and advance to the knockout stage.

Muñoz scored in the 76th minute after the Colombians had been held back by a strong performance from Congo goalkeeper Lionel Mpasi, who made five difficult saves in the first 20 minutes.

Devs ship Nemec to Calgary

By CHRISTIAN ARNOLD

The Devils added some draft capital Tuesday, dealing defenseman Simon Nemec to the Flames in exchange for a pair of conditional first-round draft picks in 2027 and 2028, as well as a second-round pick in this week's NHL draft.

The Devils will also receive 21-year-old defensive prospect Etienne Morin, and the Flames will get former Islander Maxim Tsyplakov.

The conditional picks are top 10 protected.

Nemec is coming off a season in which he recorded a career-high 26 points (11 goals, 15 assists) in 68 games for New Jersey and wrapped up his third season in the NHL since being drafted No. 2 overall in 2022 by previous Devils general manager Tom Fitzgerald.

Tuesday's deal is one of the first sizable moves made by new GM Sunny Mehta as the Devils prepare for this week's draft.

Nemec was set to be an unrestricted free agent this summer after completing his rookie contract, and the deal indicates that Mehta opted not to engage with what likely would have been a pricey extension and move Nemec while interest was there.

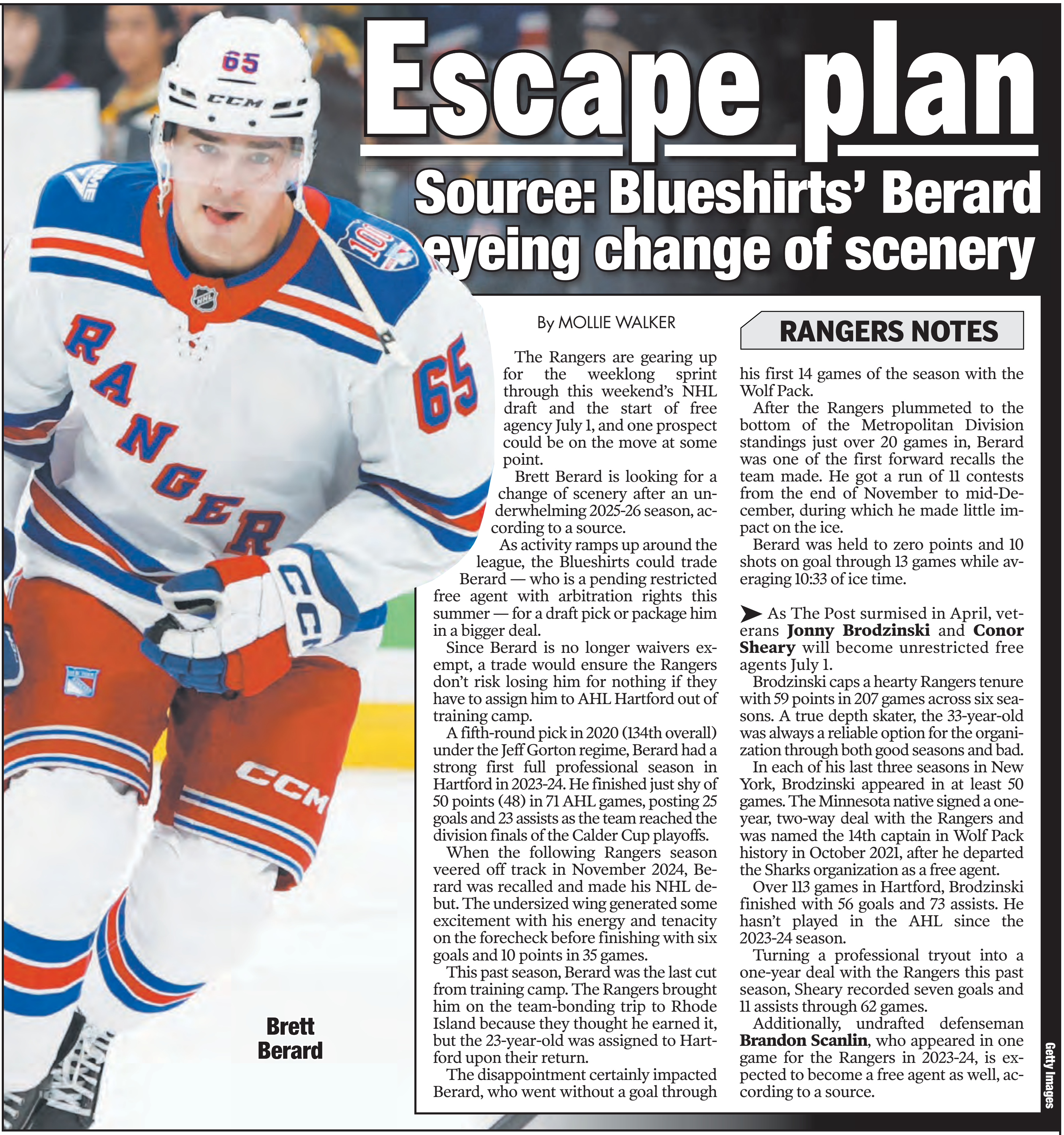
The Devils have a surplus of defensemen at the moment in Luke Hughes, Dougie Hamilton, Brett Pesce, Brenden Dillon, Jonas Siegenthaler and Johnathan Kovacevic.

The team also has prospect Seamus Casey and signed its No. 10 overall pick in 2024, Anton Silayev.

If Nemec turns into a high-end defenseman, the deal could come back to haunt Mehta and the Devils, but for now, the organization has seen enough to be comfortable making Tuesday's deal.

Escape plan

Source: Blueshirts' Berard eyeing change of scenery



Brett Berard

Getty Images

By MOLLIE WALKER

The Rangers are gearing up for the weeklong sprint through this weekend's NHL draft and the start of free agency July 1, and one prospect could be on the move at some point.

Brett Berard is looking for a change of scenery after an underwhelming 2025-26 season, according to a source.

As activity ramps up around the league, the Blueshirts could trade Berard — who is a pending restricted free agent with arbitration rights this summer — for a draft pick or package him in a bigger deal.

Since Berard is no longer waivers exempt, a trade would ensure the Rangers don't risk losing him for nothing if they have to assign him to AHL Hartford out of training camp.

A fifth-round pick in 2020 (134th overall) under the Jeff Gorton regime, Berard had a strong first full professional season in Hartford in 2023-24. He finished just shy of 50 points (48) in 71 AHL games, posting 25 goals and 23 assists as the team reached the division finals of the Calder Cup playoffs.

When the following Rangers season veered off track in November 2024, Berard was recalled and made his NHL debut. The undersized wing generated some excitement with his energy and tenacity on the forecheck before finishing with six goals and 10 points in 35 games.

This past season, Berard was the last cut from training camp. The Rangers brought him on the team-bonding trip to Rhode Island because they thought he earned it, but the 23-year-old was assigned to Hartford upon their return.

The disappointment certainly impacted Berard, who went without a goal through his first 14 games of the season with the Wolf Pack.

After the Rangers plummeted to the bottom of the Metropolitan Division standings just over 20 games in, Berard was one of the first forward recalls the team made. He got a run of 11 contests from the end of November to mid-December, during which he made little impact on the ice.

Berard was held to zero points and 10 shots on goal through 13 games while averaging 10:33 of ice time.

RANGERS NOTES

➤ As The Post surmised in April, veterans **Jonny Brodzinski** and **Conor Sheary** will become unrestricted free agents July 1.

Brodzinski caps a hearty Rangers tenure with 59 points in 207 games across six seasons. A true depth skater, the 33-year-old was always a reliable option for the organization through both good seasons and bad.

In each of his last three seasons in New York, Brodzinski appeared in at least 50 games. The Minnesota native signed a one-year, two-way deal with the Rangers and was named the 14th captain in Wolf Pack history in October 2021, after he departed the Sharks organization as a free agent.

Over 113 games in Hartford, Brodzinski finished with 56 goals and 73 assists. He hasn't played in the AHL since the 2023-24 season.

Turning a professional tryout into a one-year deal with the Rangers this past season, Sheary recorded seven goals and 11 assists through 62 games.

Additionally, undrafted defenseman **Brandon Scanlin**, who appeared in one game for the Rangers in 2023-24, is expected to become a free agent as well, according to a source.

Islanders hire Dupuis as director of player development

PASCAL DUPUIS

By MOLLIE WALKER

The Islanders have a new face of their development department.

Pascal Dupuis was named director of player development Tuesday, the team announced. The man Dupuis replaced, Eric Cairns, is no longer in hockey operations for the Isles, according to The Post's Ethan Sears.

Serving in various roles for the Shawinigan Cataractes of the Quebec Maritimes Junior Hockey League over the past six seasons — from assistant coach to assistant general manager — Dupuis brings robust experience in multiple aspects of running an organization.

A partial owner of his former club, Dupuis also stepped into a dual role as hockey operations assistant director and director of player development for the past three campaigns.

"Pascal is exactly the kind of person we want shaping the next generation of Islanders," Islanders GM Mathieu Darche said. "His story is one every young player in our system can learn from as nothing was handed to him. He was undrafted, found his way to the NHL through his tireless work ethic, and built a career playing over 800 NHL games and finishing with him being a part of multiple Stanley Cup Championships.

"Pascal's perspective will be invaluable for our developing players who are trying to find their way to the Islanders. We couldn't be more excited to welcome him to the organization."

Dupuis is a former left wing and a veteran of 871 NHL games, over which he played for the Wild, Rangers, Thrashers and Penguins. In addition to competing for the Penguins' Stanley Cup title-winning teams in 2009 and 2016, Dupuis surpassed 400 points (409) over 14 seasons.

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Antonio Freeman couldn't be more thrilled

By MICHAEL DUARTE

IRVINE, Calif. — On Sept. 29, 1996, Antonio Freeman announced himself in Seattle.

The Packers wide receiver caught seven passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns against the Seahawks, recording the first 100-yard game of his NFL career. It was one of many milestones that landed him in the Packers Hall of Fame and helped deliver a Super Bowl championship to Green Bay.

Thirty years later, the spotlight returned to the same city.

Only this time, it wasn't shining on Antonio.

It belonged to his son.

When United States men's national team right back Alex Freeman rose above Australian goalkeeper Patrick Beach inside the penalty area and headed home a crucial goal in securing the Americans' 2-0 victory, the moment instantly became part of U.S. Soccer lore.

Inside the stadium, his father watched something unexpected happen.

His greatest sports moment was no longer his own.

"Winning the Super Bowl is still probably my biggest moment," Freeman told The Post. "But this one has taken over."

For decades, the elder Freeman was the most famous athlete in the family. He was the one making highlight-reel catches and signing autographs. Now, he has happily accepted a different role: Alex Freeman's biggest fan.

Thursday
UNITES STATES vs. TURKEY
in Inglewood, Calif.
Group D
10 p.m.
Fox

Antonio Freeman spoke to The Post during Monday's USMNT training here proudly wearing his son's No. 16 USA home jersey.

"When I'm not around Alex, I always wear it," Freeman said.

When asked if he trained his son at a young age to play soccer, Antonio admitted the sport was foreign to him.

"I couldn't train him. I didn't know how to train him for soccer," Antonio said. "I was kind of useless."

Because soccer was uncharted territory, he helped by hiring soccer trainers and coaches for his son. When Alex struggled against older and better players, Antonio passed on the advice he was told while growing up in Baltimore.

"Be ready," Freeman said was the mantra he always told Alex. "You can be one of those kids that sit on the sideline and say, 'I can be better than him.' Then you get on the floor and stink it up. So be ready for your opportunity."

Alex said his dad helped him to be a professional. When he faced one of the biggest crossroads of his young career — leaving home at 15 to join Orlando City's youth academy instead of pursuing a traditional college path — Antonio understood what was at stake.

"He just wanted to play," Freeman said. "But I challenged him. I said, 'Where is your heart at?' "

Freeman's heart was with soccer and pursuing his dream of becoming a professional. So he left home and lived with a host family in Orlando. There, he was forced to manage setbacks on his own.

"Orlando was three hours away [from the family home in Fort Lauderdale], but you still have that parental fear," admitted Antonio. "I didn't know what he was into or who he was hanging out with. He celebrated his 16th birthday alone."

Thanks to a strong support system, Alex thrived at the academy and was called up to the senior team March 26, 2022. From there, his rise through the soccer ranks was meteoric.

Alex wasn't expected to become one of the breakout stars of this World Cup. He wasn't supposed to be grabbing headlines away from Christian Pulisic or Folarin Balogun. Right backs don't usually become the face of a tournament run.

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U.S. goalie legend: Freese can

READY FOR ACTION: U.S. goalie Matt Freese has faced just three shots on net in the first two games of the World Cup, but former U.S. goalie Tim Howard believes the NYCFC keeper is built for this stage.

Getty Images

By ETHAN SEARS

IRVINE, Calif. — The U.S. men's national team's goalkeeping was one of its bigger question marks headed into the World Cup. Two games in, it's hard to say there's much of an answer.

Of course, that's largely a product of how well the team in front of Matt Freese has played in a pair of wins. Paraguay had just one shot on goal, Australia had two. So of all the potential rotations Mauricio Pochettino could make in Thursday's dead rubber against Turkey, Freese is unlikely to be one of them given it may not be the worst thing in the world for him to see more action.

"Part of being a goalkeeper is recognizing it's not always about you. I'm comfortable with that," Freese said before Tuesday's training session. "The less action I have means we're more comfortable in a game, we're more likely gonna win. So I'm typically more focused on that and preventing any shots rather than just being only ready to save them."

The NYCFC keeper rose from relative obscurity over the past year to win the job, earning his first caps in the friendlies leading into last summer's Gold Cup and quickly supplanting Matt Turner as Pochettino's preferred option.

Despite some questions about the depth chart after Turner started against Belgium in March, and when he started a friendly against Senegal at the end of May, it has indeed been Freese's net at the World Cup.

"He's a calm goalkeeper by nature," former USMNT keeper Tim Howard told The Post last week. "I think that's one thing that stood out. Particularly if you go back to last summer, he gets

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for son's big breakout

But just like his dad taught him, when his opportunity arrived, he was ready.

"My dad mentored me, and told me to be ready for moments like these," Alex said after he became just the third right back in U.S. history to score a goal in the World Cup.

Antonio said his phone overheated during the second half with more than 400 text messages from family and friends before the final whistle. When he was finally reunited with his son, he hugged him and told him he continues to amaze him.

"I told him to just keep working and being you," Antonio said. "People love who you are. Don't change and just keep working harder."

Antonio said his favorite moment of the World Cup wasn't his son's goal but how moved he was when he watched Alex's teammates chase after him to celebrate with him.

"That's the most heartwarming thing for me as a parent," Freeman said. "To see his teammates rally around the youngest kid, the baby boy on the team. As a parent, it just lets you know that your kid's being protected."

After the match, U.S. coach Mauricio Pochettino suggested Alex Freeman could someday become the best right back in the world.

Antonio admitted he cried when he heard it.

Not because of what it could mean for a career.

Because of what it confirmed about the journey.

The sacrifices. The uncertainty. The years spent trusting a dream that often felt impossible.

When Alex was reminded about his father's performance with the Packers on the same field, he called it a "full-circle moment."

"It just shows how great the family tree is," said Alex. "He can be great, but I can be great in my own way as well."

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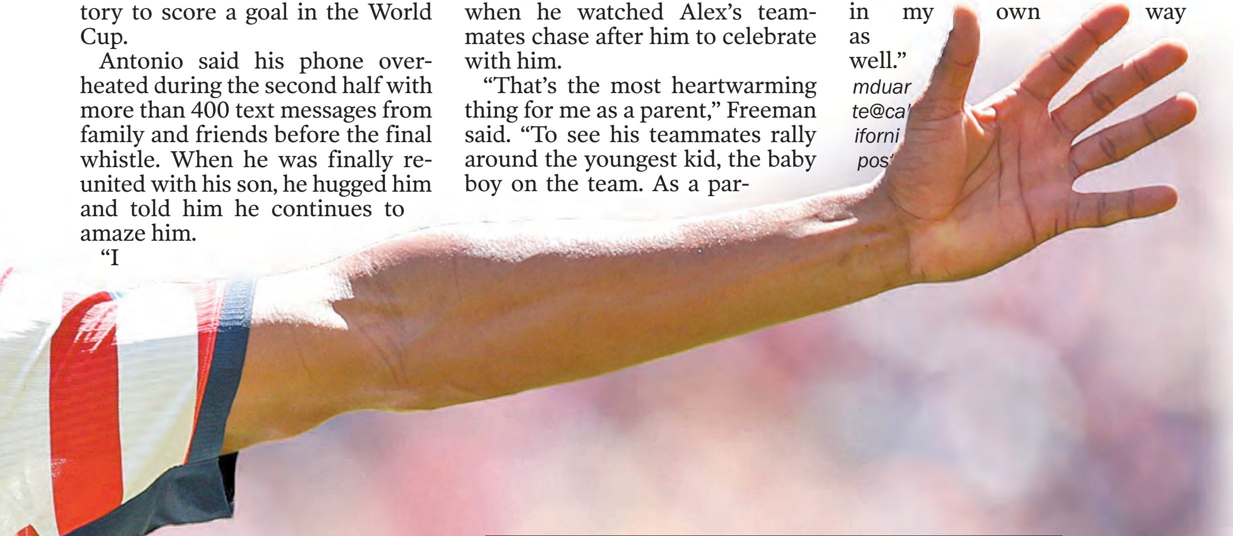

HIS BIGGEST FAN: Antonio Freeman (inset) was a star receiver, winning a Super Bowl with the Packers, but he says the biggest thrill of his life is now watching his son, Alex, score for the U.S. in the World Cup and celebrate with his teammates. Getty Images

'25 loss to Turkey started turnaround

By ETHAN SEARS

IRVINE, Calif. — A year to the day before it arrived at its World Cup base camp here, the U.S. men's national team got a preview of its final group-stage opponent.

Though neither side knew it last June, the pre-Gold Cup friendly in which the USMNT faced Turkey, losing 2-1 in Hartford, Conn., ended up being a significant moment for more reasons than a mere coming attraction of a dead rubber.

The afternoon marked the first USMNT cap for Matt Freese and Alex Freeman, two members of the starting 11 at this World Cup, and the start of a summer that — without most of the team's biggest stars in attendance — began to truly establish Mauricio Pochettino's culture.

"I think that Gold Cup was a big moment for a lot of players, including myself," said left wingback Max Arfsten, who came into that window with just three caps. "That was kind of like our first real experience and meaningful games for the United States. And it was amazing. That whole tournament I feel like we grew a lot, kind of put ourselves on the map."

Between the loss to Turkey, a 4-0 blowout defeat to Switzerland a few days later and verbal sparring between Pochettino and Christian Pulisic — who had asked to play in the two friendlies but not the Gold Cup, a request Pochettino did not appreciate — last summer got off to the complete opposite start as this one.

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Over the following few weeks, though, a run to the Gold Cup final, where the U.S. lost to Mexico, helped establish a number of players as key pieces of this summer. Freese and Freeman are the two most notable. But Sebastian Berhalter, who also came to that camp without a cap, started the final. So did Diego Luna, one of the final cuts for the World Cup roster.

"Although that [Turkey game] was a while ago, I still feel like we do benefit from having some familiarity with the opponent," Arfsten said. "Similar to Australia."

➤ If there is a winner in Wednesday's match between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Qatar, the USMNT would almost certainly face that team in the round of 32.

If, however, the teams draw, the situation becomes much more complicated. In that case, the USMNT could end up playing the third-place team from Group I, Group E or Group J, which as things stand would likely be one of Senegal, Algeria, Ecuador or Austria. The third-place team from Group F — likely Sweden — is also a possibility should things break a certain way.

➤ **Cristian Roldan** missed training for a second straight day with a muscle strain and continues to be day to day, per U.S. Soccer. All other players trained.

heat up when the action does too at World Cup

his shot at the Gold Cup — coming-out party, all right, this is sort of your tournament — and for a guy who didn't have any games at all, he sort of was this really calming presence. Didn't really do too many crazy things back there, and it speaks to his nature.

"As you get to know Matt, he's a thinker. He's someone who doesn't really get rattled by the moment, and if he does, he doesn't show it, which is a huge trait of goalkeepers."

Howard is part of a decorated history of U.S. keepers. With all three goalkeepers on this year's roster playing in MLS, there's less pedigree at the position than in the past, when names like Howard, Brad Friedel and Kasey Keller were playing overseas.

"I wouldn't say it's intimidating," Freese, a Harvard alum who wears Howard's No. 24, said. "I would say inspiring. It's a long line of goalkeepers that I looked up to for my whole life, some before my life as well. But to have my name next to theirs is an incredible honor."

Though it's unclear how the game flow will be affected by neither team playing for anything — the U.S. has clinched the top spot in the group and Turkey has been eliminated — at least in theory, Freese should see more shots in Thursday's game than the first two.

Turkey had 62 shots across its first two matches, the most by a team without scoring at a World Cup since 1966, when such records were first kept, forcing eight saves from Australia's keeper Patrick Beach and five from Paraguay's Orlando Gill.

While the USMNT is not going to sit back and absorb pressure the way those teams did, Turkey's attacking talent, including the likes of Arda Güler and Hakan Çalhanoglu make it more likely to threaten on goal.

Getting that under his belt before the do-or-die knockout stage begins could serve Freese well.

"Now the time for him is coming where he needs to show he can do the incredible, he can do the spectacular, he can make the saves to keep his team in a World Cup game," Howard said. "Not easy to do, but I've seen glimpses of it, and it's not his fault. He has only 15, 16, 17 caps, and when you do that, you just don't have a lot of opportunity against top quality opponents."

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TIM HOWARD

ACES IN THE HOLE

ROLL OF THE DICE: Breanna Stewart goes up for two of her team-leading 20 points in the Liberty's statement 87-76 win over the powerhouse Aces on Tuesday night. Getty Images

Libs send message with big win in Las Vegas

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS – A'ja Wilson had the game ball tucked under her arm as Breanna Stewart stood in front of her. They talked as the game clock wound down before sharing a brief embrace at the buzzer of the Liberty's 87-76 win against the Las Vegas Aces.

That moment showed mutual respect between two of the WNBA's biggest stars.

"Her and I, we've kind of been going back and forth and going at it for years now," Stewart said of Wilson. "Anytime we do it, we know it's a big moment and we want to really make sure we make the most of it. So being able to kind of be aggressive, shots were falling for me, and getting the win was obviously the most important."

Stewart took over in the fourth, scoring 12 of her game-high 20 points in the final 10 minutes.

She blocked Wilson's shot on one end. Moments later, the Liberty star drained a 3 over Wilson on the other.

Han Xu never gets tired of seeing Stewart go off like she did late.

"Every time she got the ball, we were like, 'Yeah, she's gonna make that shot,'" Han said. "She's very strong and tough, and I'm very happy to play with her."

Coach Chris DeMarco might be new to the WNBA this year. But he didn't need to be briefed on how important Tuesday's game against the Aces was to his players.

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The Liberty and Aces — routinely two of the league's best teams in recent years — have squared off on some of the biggest stages.

The Liberty beat the Aces to win the 2023 Commissioner's Cup championship before losing to Las Vegas in the WNBA Finals months later.

In 2024, the Liberty ended the Aces season, beating Becky Hammon's team in the semifinals en route to winning New York's first championship.

At the end of this month, the two will face off in Brooklyn for the Commissioner's Cup final.

All this to say, Tuesday wasn't just a stress test for either team. This rivalry matters. It's a potential Finals matchup. It was a chance to strike first — a week before hardware will be attached to the victory.

And Tuesday, the Liberty claimed Round 1.

Two days after blowing a 17-point second-half lead in a loss to the Sparks, the Liberty responded in a major way.

The Libs took the lead with six minutes left in the first quarter and never allowed the Aces back in.

DeMarco said the team's goal was to make Wilson, the four-time league MVP, as uncomfortable as possible. It was going to take a team effort.

Consider Tuesday a success in that case.

The Liberty held Wilson to six points in the first half and a season-low-tying 16 points on the entire night.

After the game, concern turned toward Satou Sabally, who exited the game with 6:17 left in the second quarter after taking several blows to the face. She didn't join the team back out on the floor after halftime and was ruled out with a face injury.

DeMarco said Sabally will be reevaluated.

Overall, though, Ionescu said she was pleased with how the Liberty responded to Sunday's loss.

"We're a veteran team, so we understand that moments like that can either make or break you, and it's a long season," Ionescu said. "For us, it was just understanding we've got to focus on [coming] together, not letting that happen again, and continue to grow from it."

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Old coach sees Stewie as example

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — UConn coach Geno Auriemma believes what Breanna Stewart has done throughout her career is "groundbreaking."

Stewart is a four-time NCAA champion at UConn, two-time WNBA MVP and three-time WNBA champion with two teams. But it's her impact off the court that will further define her legacy.

Stewart played a pivotal role in the latest round of collective bargaining agreement negotiations that led to the WNBA's first million-dollar contract and the first comprehensive revenue-sharing model in professional women's sports. She also co-founded Unrivaled, a 3-on-3 basketball league that allows players an opportunity to play stateside during the WNBA offseason.

"I'm proud of her because it would be easy to say, 'Look, I'm a basketball player and that's it,' " Auriemma said Tuesday. "But I think in today's world, for the first time in a long time, you saw what happened on the men's side. You see, George Foreman became more famous for his grills than he did for his boxing, which is crazy. People don't remember Shaq playing. They remember all the things he's involved in now, and Michael Jordan's shoes are selling more now than when he played.

"But women have never really had that kind of platform and runway to take off and do other things beyond just be excellent on the court. So to have that opportunity and then take advantage of it, I just think it's groundbreaking. I know there's a lot of other people — A'ja Wilson is doing the same thing."

Auriemma will be reunited with Stewart — and several of his former players, including Azzi Fudd and Paige Bueckers — in two weeks when he comes to New York to be on the broadcast for the Liberty's July 7 game against the Dallas Wings.

Auriemma will be joined by ABC's "Good Morning America" star Robin Roberts and ESPN play-by-play commentator Beth Mowins at the broadcast table for that game in honor of the league's 30th season.

Auriemma and Roberts were on the call for ESPN's first WNBA broadcast in 1997.

Auriemma recalled being nervous for their 1997 debut because it was a new experience. Now that he knows what could go wrong during a broadcast, Auriemma quipped, "I'm even more nervous."

Robert Sabo (2)

Citi of screams

Senga roughed up, Soto hurt as Mets pummeled by Cubs

By DAN MARTIN

The Mets' nightmare of a season somehow got worse Tuesday night, and not just because they lost another game at Citi Field or got another bad start from Kodai Senga that might cost him his spot in the rotation.

Juan Soto left their 9-6 loss to the Cubs prior to the top of the fifth with what the team called left-side back tightness.

Carlos Mendoza said the left fielder was day to day after being removed from their third straight defeat because his back locked up and he was in discomfort.

The game itself was no better, as Senga took another step toward potentially pitching himself out of the rotation, as he allowed seven runs in 3 2/3 innings in his second start back from the IL.

Mendoza indicated he would speak with team president David Stearns about how they would handle his spot.

CUBS	**9**
METS	**6**

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"David [Stearns] was pretty clear before the game that performance matters and having outings like this is not gonna cut it," the manager said. "You get to a point where you have to go out and earn it."

So much for Francisco Lindor coming to save the day.

The shortstop played perhaps his final minor league rehab game with Triple-A Syracuse on Tuesday, having been sidelined since April with a strained left calf.

Now, having both Lindor and Soto in the lineup together again may be in jeopardy.

Soto flied out in both of his at-bats before leaving the game, with Jared Young moving from first base to take Soto's spot in left, while Mark Vientos entered at first base.

By then, the Mets already trailed by five runs, thanks to another clunker from Senga.

Stearns said the rotation would be evaluated "turn by turn," and Senga brought a 14.59 ERA over his past four starts into Tuesday.

The situation did not improve.

Senga struck out the side in order in the first, dominating with his fastball, but fell back into poor habits in the second, walking Seiya Suzuki to open the inning.

A single by Ian Happ and a hit by pitch by Matt Shaw loaded the bases with no one out.

Senga whiffed Nico Hoerner before walking Carson Kelly to force in a run. Dansby Swanson followed with a sacrifice fly before former Mets prospect Pete Crow-Armstrong's three-run homer made it 5-0.

Afterward, Senga said through an interpreter, "I'll continue to prepare to pitch in this league."

But Mendoza was mystified by Senga falling apart in the second.

"That's the frustrating part," Mendoza said. "We were in the dugout saying, 'What's going on here?' It's hard to explain."

They could get a boost this weekend, with Christian Scott expected to return from his IL stint, but Senga is part of a list that includes Freddy Peralta, David Peterson and Sean Manaea as significant disappointments.

With the rotation a mess and the Mets so far unable to fix it, they can hardly afford another blow to the lineup, especially involving Soto.

While the rest of the team has fallen apart, Soto recovered from the calf injury well enough to enter Tuesday leading the team in most offensive categories, with a .974 OPS — second only to the Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani in the National League.

He's been extremely durable throughout much of his career and missed just five games over the previous three seasons.

Now, the Mets are facing more time without Soto — and perhaps with Senga, despite his continued issues on the mound.

"I've never experienced something like this in my career," Senga said.

Welcome to the 2026 Mets.

SLAMMED! Francisco Alvarez, who went 2-for-4 with a homer, goes to slam his bat after flying out during the fifth inning. Kodai Senga (left) reacts after giving up a three-run homer to Pete Crow-Armstrong.

Mates can't wait to get Lindor back in locker room

By DAN MARTIN

It may be too little, too late, but there's a chance Francisco Lindor is back with the Mets on Wednesday, according to Carlos Mendoza.

The Mets have been waiting for Lindor to return from a strained left calf since April. After picking up a pair of hits and playing eight innings at shortstop in a minor league rehab game for Triple-A Syracuse in Lehigh Valley on Tuesday, Lindor could be part of Wednesday's doubleheader at Citi Field against the Cubs.

After the Mets lost 9-6 Tuesday, Mendoza said he would talk to the front office and trainers to see if Lindor could "potentially" play Wednesday.

With his return imminent, his teammates are ready.

"It's exciting," Bo Bichette said. "We haven't played at full strength pretty much the whole season, and we're still not, but having him back is a huge boost."

Bichette said that in Lindor's absence, he has stayed focused on shortstop rather than working at third base as well, and president of baseball operations David Stearns said that although Lindor is "a big part of" the Mets possibly turning their season around, "We also can't put everything on Francisco to come back at a time where he hasn't been playing baseball very much and expect him to put us on his back."

When he returns, Lindor will play shortstop, but he will likely get days off and games at DH to try to keep him healthy.

METS NOTES

➤ The Post reported in the offseason about issues within the Mets clubhouse last season, including an incident involving Lindor and **Jeff McNeil**, now with the A's, and as a chilly relationship between Lindor and **Juan Soto**.

Stearns said Tuesday that despite the team's struggles so far this season, he's not aware of any problems with the team's chemistry.

"My observation is those guys have meshed pretty well," Stearns said of the team's roster. "I think we're playing hard. That doesn't mean we're always playing well. I think the guys care about winning. I have not seen a clubhouse cohesion issue."

➤ Much of Stearns' success as an executive came in small-market Milwaukee.

Now, as he said Tuesday, "The benefit of this job [with the Mets] is we have access to everyone in the player universe. It's very different [from] some other markets. That's a benefit for us. It requires me — and us — to do work a little bit differently."

That's produced mixed results so far, with Soto playing at an elite level, but other expensive additions either playing poorly or dealing with extensive injuries.

SNAP OUT OF IT!

BACK & FORTH: Though the performances of Juan Soto — who went 0-for-2 before exiting Tuesday night's 9-6 loss to the Cubs with a back injury — and rookies Carson Benge and A.J. Ewing represent big steps forward for David Stearns' Mets, everything else this season has felt like the team is moving backward, writes The Post's Joel Sherman. Corey Sipkin; Robert Sabo

Stearns must bust out of slump, prove future still bright for Mets

WHAT IS so unsettling about this Mets season is not only that it increasingly looks like a lost year, but that the near future appears worse.

If Carson Benge and A.J. Ewing are two steps forward, almost everything else feels like three or five or 10 steps back.

Because it has not only been a bad season on the major league field, but it has also been a regression year for what looked like a promising organizational pitching program a year ago and the farm system in general.

Joel Sherman

Because that lingering homegrown group of Francisco Alvarez, Brett Baty, Ronny Mauricio and Mark Vientos through yet more injury and/or poor performance is suggesting more strongly than ever that it is not going to offer even quality depth moving forward.

Because the Marlins and Nationals under new leadership might finally be getting their acts together in the NL East.

Because it is another year in which applying lots of Steve Cohen's money has been more curse than solution. Plus, MLB is now ready to fight a labor war to restrict how much Cohen can spend on his team's payroll moving forward.

Because this is a second straight year of mostly losing moves by David Stearns. That has to raise concerns after Cohen waited so long and then spent so much on his president of baseball operations about whether this will work under Stearns.

There was a primary election in New York on Tuesday, and a question often asked of incumbents at such times is: Are you better off today than four years ago (or whenever the candidate last ran)? I would ask that of the Mets. And I did of Stearns during an interview Tuesday with The Post, notably if he sees the problems of 2026 ebbing into 2027.

He cited the veteran stars Francisco Lindor and Juan Soto, the young outfielders Benge and Ewing and the high-ceiling starters Nolan McLean and Christian Scott in praising "the top end of the major league roster" and "still having confidence in the young players that are coming behind them, and we believe that we'll have the ability to contend."

But, of course, the hope was more than a top of the roster and contention by now. Cohen had said he wanted a championship within his first five years of ownership and it is Year 6. In his recruitment of Soto, Cohen told the slugger he wanted to win two to four titles in their time together and Year 2 of the partnership is going well for Soto and terribly for the team. Stearns' tenure so far consists of inching into the playoffs as the third NL wild card (then making a thrilling run to the NLCS), missing the playoffs as the game's most disappointing team and looking like the team will miss the playoffs again in a season in which Cohen called getting in the baseline.

Look, I know the popular thing now is to pile on Stearns. But I believed he was the right choice to run Mets baseball operations. And I do not think he has just forgotten how to be a high-end baseball executive. An outside GM who thinks well of Stearns said it seems like, "The Mets are in an organizational slump and [Stearns] needs to snap out of it."

It needs to happen because the next six weeks are so vital for the Mets to either long-shot themselves back into this race or for Stearns to make deadline sell trades to reinforce the 2027 roster, because I do not have Stearns' rosy outlook for next season based on four young players plus Lindor and Soto.

Farm systems are like stocks going up and down — and often are not perceived correctly in the moment. Stearns' 2021 Brewers, for example, were roundly viewed as having among the worst systems and sitting in it were Jackson Chourio, Brice Turang, Aaron Ashby, Abner Uribe and Garrett Mitchell. Coming into this year, the Mets system was well regarded, but three opposing scouts all said the regression, especially at the upper levels, has been stark with players such as Jonah Tong, Jack Wenninger, Jacob Reimer, Eli Serrano III, Chris Suero and Ryan Clifford.

Even if you make McLean and Scott givens, the only veteran starters the Mets have under control next year are Sean Manaea and Kodai Senga, which means they are going to need to obtain three more just to feel comfortable. Jorge Polanco and his bad legs are back next year for $20 million, Marcus Semien and his deteriorating game for $26 million and if Bo Bichette is back for $42 million it probably means he finished poorly and did not want to test the market. The Mets can no longer expect cost-control support from Alvarez, Baty, Mauricio and Vientos.

All of this leads one to wonder how long Cohen is going to tolerate payrolls and tax approaching $500 million, even if the rules allow him to keep doing so? He is going to need proof of purchase from Stearns that the Mets are on the right path. I do not believe Stearns' job is on the line. But full confidence of the owner certainly feels in play with Stearns midway through his five-year contract.

"We have three months left in this season, we're gonna learn a lot more about all of this stuff over the next three months," Stearns said.

They are vital months for Stearns to get out of his slump and prove the Mets are better now than three years ago.

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Prez: Still time to ‘get back in this’

By DAN MARTIN

By the end of this week, the Mets will have played more than half their schedule and they still carry the worst record in the NL East.

But if you’ve been waiting for them to blow up the roster and start over, you’re going to have to wait a while longer.

Still, while Francisco Lindor’s impending return from the calf strain that’s sidelined him since April figures to help an ailing offense, it won’t do anything for what’s been a hugely disappointing rotation or get other injured high-profile players back on the field.

But David Stearns said that with the Aug. 3 trade deadline nearly six weeks away, Lindor and the rest of the cellar-dwelling team will get a chance to show that what they’ve done over the first nearly three months of the season isn’t who they really are.

“We have a period of time here before we have to make a finite decision about the trade deadline,” the team’s president of baseball operations said Tuesday. “We’re also in a period of time where we’ve got to start playing better baseball.”

That’s putting it mildly.

Despite their awful record (34-44), Stearns said, “We’re going to continue to give this team time to prove that we can get back in this in a very legitimate sense.” But then Juan Soto left Tuesday’s 9-6 loss to the Cubs with what was termed left side back tightness.

Stearns, speaking at his usual homestand availability — which he has kept up even as the season is crumbling around him — noted that it’s impossible to blame their poor play on any one part of the team.

At different times in the press conference, he pointed to the starting rotation’s inability to stay healthy or pitch deep into games, the lineup’s failure to produce runs and the organization so far not being able to get many of their players to play to their potential.

Asked about the disappointing rotation, Stearns said, “We clearly have been inconsistent in that facet of the game. We’ve been inconsistent at various times in all segments of the team. It’s why we have the record we have.”

They’ve resorted to using openers on a frighteningly regular basis and high-profile addition Freddy Peralta has had a nightmarish season, which Stearns blamed in part on mechanical issues that might be impacting his location.

The acquisitions on offense haven’t been much better, with Bo Bichette still waiting to get going and Jorge Polanco and Luis Robert Jr. not close to returning from injuries.

And more inexperienced players haven’t developed, outside of Carson Benge and A.J. Ewing.

“Both run-scoring and the starting rotation have to be more consistent going forward to go on the type of run of prolonged quality play we need to have,” Stearns said.

But he remains confident in the group he put together.

Asked if he could “fix” the roster during the season, Stearns said, “The word ‘fix’ is not something I’m thinking about. I think it’s about how to get players to play up to their potential. For a large segment of the roster, I don’t think we’ve seen that this year.”

Even with that lack of progress, Stearns said he was “pleased” with the processes of the coaching staff, much of which was overhauled during the offseason.

The Mets entered Tuesday six games out of the final wild-card spot in the National League and 14 ½ games behind Atlanta atop the NL East. All this from a team that owner Steve Cohen said during the spring needed to make the postseason this year.

“I think Steve wants us to, certainly, be better than we are,” Stearns said. “He’s frustrated. We’re all frustrated. Steve expects us to do better than this. I expect us to be better than this.”

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ON DECK: vs. Cubs

Day-night doubleheader
Game 1: Wednesday, 1:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

***RHP Nolan McLean**

2026 stats: 4-4, 3.67 ERA
Career vs. CHC: 1-0, 8.44 ERA
Last start: Wed., at CIN; 7 IP, 0 ER, 9 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

34%	18%	17%
Sinker	4-Seamer	Sweeper

***LHP Shota Imanaga**

2026 stats: 4-6, 4.26 ERA
Career vs. NYM: 1-2, 10.34 ERA
Last start: June 15, vs. COL; 5.2 IP, 1 ER, 3 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

44%	33%	13%
4-Seamer	Splitter	Sweeper

Game 2: Wednesday, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ

***LHP Sean Manaea**

2026 stats: 1-2, 4.64 ERA
Career vs. CHC: 0-1, 5.60 ERA
Last start: Thurs., at PHI; 5.1 IP, 2 ER, 5 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

36%	32%	20%
4-Seamer	Sweeper	Sinker

***RHP Javier Assad**

2026 stats: 5-1, 3.89 ERA
Career vs. NYM: 1-1, 2.95 ERA
Last start: Wed., vs. COL; 5.2 IP, 2 ER, 0 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

39%	17%	17%
Sinker	4-Seamer	Cutter

*order of pitchers TBD

UP NEXT

THURSDAY: vs. Cubs, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Freddy Peralta vs. TBD

FRIDAY: vs. Phillies, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
TBD vs. TBD

JAZZ BRINGS HIS LOLLIPOP

After irking his manager with candy break, Chisholm hits big homer to make up for it

By GREG JOYCE

DETROIT — Jazz Chisholm Jr. took the lollipop out of his mouth and gave the Tigers something to suck on instead.

After creating some bad optics Monday night by sucking on a green apple Blow Pop for an inning while playing second base, which irked his manager, Chisholm was back in Aaron Boone's good graces by Tuesday night because of his bat.

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With the Yankees trailing by a run in the sixth inning, Chisholm popped a two-run homer to give them the lead and help snap a three-game losing streak with a 4-3 win over the Tigers at Comerica Park.

"The Lollipop Kid came through tonight in a big way, so that was good," Boone said with a chuckle while Lil Wayne's "Lollipop" blared over the speakers in the victorious clubhouse.

"He can have all the lollipops he wants now."

"That's funny, he didn't say that [Monday]," Chisholm quipped. "No, I'm joking, I'm joking. We talked a little bit, but it wasn't nothing crazy. Just safety hazards."

Upon getting back to the dugout and high-fiving his teammates after his 12th home run of the year, off right-hander Casey Mize, Chisholm went right for the box of Blow Pops sitting on the bench, picked it up and showed it to the television cameras filming him.

SWEET DREAMS: One night after hearing it from his manager for eating a lollipop on the field, Jazz Chisholm Jr. delivers at the plate for the Yankees.

YES Network; Getty Images

Chisholm said he was egged on by his teammates, who were shouting to get him a lollipop. But it turns out the home run was preceded by fans near the Yankees on-deck circle, who were getting on Chisholm and asking him, "Where's the lollipop at?"

"I think everything fuels him," Boone said.

The dramatic turn of events in the latest chapter of Jazz being Jazz provided a sigh of relief for the Yankees (47-31), who had been in a rut of late and were not playing their best brand of baseball. But they delivered a closer version of it Tuesday, with some strong defense behind Carlos Rodón, Chisholm's big swing followed by a key RBI double from Austin Wells for what proved to be the winning run, and a sturdy bullpen effort capped by David Bednar's four-out save.

"Gosh, we played a good game tonight," Boone said. "Obviously going through a stretch where we've lost a few in a row here, you kind of feel like, man, you really want to get this. ... Some important things happened within that game to set us up."

Among them were Rodón (5 1/3 innings, three runs) catching a line drive back at him and doubling a runner off first in the second inning; Cody Bellinger throwing a runner out at the plate to end the fourth inning, keeping the deficit at 2-1; Fernando Cruz getting out of a jam in the sixth inning after the Tigers had crept within 4-3 against Rodón; and Jasson Domínguez making a shoestring catch on a sinking liner and then doubling off the runner at first to end the seventh.

But naturally, the night belonged to Chisholm, who provided a reminder of the talent that comes with his occasional antics.

Earlier in the day, on his weekly "Talkin' Yanks" podcast appearance, Boone admitted that Chisholm playing the field while sucking on a lollipop "piss[ed] me off." Then before the game, after addressing the issue with Chisholm, Boone tried to downplay the situation while acknowledging that it was not a good look.

"I don't think that should be part of what we're doing," Boone said.

After Tuesday's game, Chisholm insisted that he did not think it was a bad look but that the issue was more the physical risk of playing the field with a lollipop in his mouth.

"I'm playing a kid's game and having fun," said Chisholm, who also took an at-bat with a lollipop in his mouth during an April game at Fenway Park. "So I don't think it's a bad look, I just feel like [it was] safety issues."

"I love lollipops. I like candy. I like something to distract me a little bit."

For now, though, they will not be making their way to the field with him.

"You know what?" Boone said. "If that becomes a little bit of a thing, as long as he doesn't take it out to second base with him, we're good."

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INJURY REPORT

- Both X-rays and a CT scan were negative on **Ali Sánchez**'s right wrist after he left Monday's game when he was drilled on the right wrist by a 98 mph fastball. The hope is that he should be back once he returns from the paternity list.
- **Ryan McMahon** was absent from the lineup Tuesday with an ear/throat infection.

ON DECK

at Tigers

Wed., 6:40 p.m., Prime Video, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

LHP Ryan Weathers

2026 stats:
2-5, 4.13 ERA

Career vs. DET:
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Last start:
Thu. vs. CWS;
6.1 IP, 1 ER, 8 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

28%	23%	20%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Sweeper

LHP Tarik Skubal

2026 stats:
3-3, 3.02 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
2-2, 2.45 ERA

Last start:
Friday vs. CWS;
5.2 IP, 7 H, 3 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

37%	25%	20%
4-Seamer	Changeup	Sinker

UP NEXT

THURSDAY: at Red Sox,
7:10 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Cam Schlittler vs. LHP Connelly Early

FRIDAY: at Red Sox,
7:10 p.m., YES, WFAN
RHP Will Warren vs. LHP Payton Tolle

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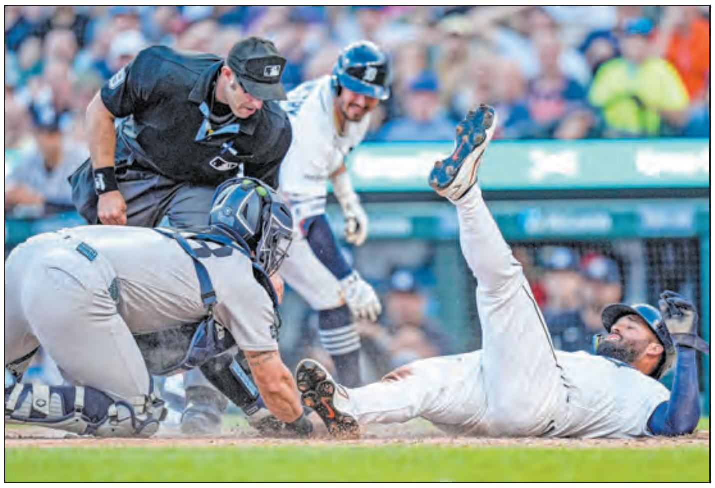
DETROIT KNOCK CITY: Jazz Chisholm Jr. slugs a two-run homer to give the Yankees the lead in a 4-3 win in Detroit that snapped a three-game skid Tuesday night. Getty Images



HOSED! Austin Wells tags out Riley Greene at home on a 95.5 mph throw from the outfield from Cody Bellinger. USA Today Sports

Bellinger turns up heat at home

By GREG JOYCE

DETROIT — Almost every night, Cody Bellinger finds a way to impact the game.

On Tuesday, he did it with his arm.

Bellinger unleashed a 95.5 mph throw from left field on one hop to the plate to nail a runner trying to score in the fourth inning before the Yankees came back to beat the Tigers 4-3 at Comerica Park.

"What a great throw," said Carlos Rodón, who was on the mound. "I was surprised they sent [the runner], because Cody's got a good arm. He's a great defender. And of course he comes up and throws it right on the money."

The Tigers led 2-1 at the time and were threatening for more, with Riley Greene on second base and two outs. Hao-Yu Lee hit a single to left field, where Bellinger fielded it cleanly and fired home to Austin Wells, who caught it on a bounce and then slid over to his left to tag Greene.

"Obviously I wanted to get a good beat on it and set my feet and make a good throw," Bellinger said. "It was a pretty good throw, but Wellsy did a great job of getting the ball and putting a quick tag on him."

YANKEES NOTES

➤ Wells snapped an 0-for-18 skid (that dated back to before his injured-list stint) by roping an RBI double off lefty **Tyler Holton** in the sixth inning, extending the Yankees' lead to 4-2.

"Really good swing off a tough at-bat," Bellinger said. "He's a huge part of this team and excited to have him back."

Wells was making his second start since being activated off the IL for cervical headaches.

The Yankees' catcher position continues to be in flux, as **Ali Sánchez** went on the paternity list Tuesday (replaced by **J.C. Escarra**) but looks like he might avoid the injured list after taking a 98 mph fastball to his right wrist on Monday. X-rays and a CT scan were both negative.

"Hoping off of the testing and everything that he'll be a player for us when he gets back, whether that's Thursday or Friday," Boone said.

➤ The Yankees announced Tuesday they have signed 18-year-old right-hander **Chien-Fan Lai** out of Taiwan as part of their international signing class. The team said Lai was the "highest-rated Taiwanese pitcher in the 2026 class," though it was not immediately clear whose ratings those were.

Lai is expected to soon report to the Yankees' Dominican Summer League Academy to begin his pro career.

➤ **Ryan McMahon** was initially supposed to be in Tuesday's lineup at third base against Tigers righty **Casey Mize**, but an ear/throat infection that he has been battling the last few days changed those plans.

"He's still pretty banged up today," said Boone, who was hoping to at least have him available off the bench.

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LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Nets grab Louisville's Brown with 6th choice to start rebuilding process

By BRIAN LEWIS

Mikel Brown Jr. walked into Barclays Center as a Louisville freshman and walked out as a Nets lottery pick — and the single biggest brick in Brooklyn's rebuild.

The Nets tabbed Brown with the No. 6 overall pick Tuesday, their highest in 16 years. Though tough luck saw them fall from the joint-best odds of winning the lottery all the way to sixth — missing out on the loaded top four — they still ended up landing the prospect many feel has the most upside outside of that quartet.

"I just felt like I was the right pick. I think I fit into the system really well and what Coach Jordi [Fernández] has building with them," said Brown, who gets to learn with last year's five first-round picks and learn from veterans Michael Porter Jr. and Julius Randle on a team that's trying to flip from tanking to competing.

"I think it's great. Obviously, you want to soak up as much knowledge as possible as a young player coming into this league. To be able to ask them and pick their brain on a lot of things, and to be able to play alongside them, it's going to mean the world to me. And we're going to try to bring a chip."

While Brooklyn suffered the ignominy of watching the cross-river rival Knicks do just that, the Nets are a long way off, just 20-62 last season.

Without having next year's pick, Brooklyn will look to take a step forward this upcoming season. Brown will be a big part of that.

"Watching [Brown] play, just how dynamic he is as a playmaker and scorer, the pace at which he plays," GM Sean Marks said. "He's a cerebral player, has really great feel. It's exciting to get a guy like that who has intangible skills as well. When you look at how athletic he is, the speed at which he can play, those things translate to our league. And then you get to meet the guy; he really has a chip on his shoulder, really has something to prove. Those are some of the things that stood out to us."

Though a back injury and too-tough shot diet led to an inconsistent freshman campaign, the 6-foot-4, 190-pound guard showed a combination of heat-check range, preternatural passing and downhill juice that they'll hope to mold into an All-Star.

"Just come in and be an impact guy right away and do what I do best; that's creating for others and also creating for myself to score," Brown said. "Being around veterans like Michael Porter Jr. that's proven in this league, and Julius Randle is proven in this league, it's going to help because I get to learn from them as well.

"But I just feel like I plug in well, because they're young. We're going to go through some hardships together, we're going to go through the good times together. I can't wait."

He'll need to add muscle, cut his turnovers, tighten his defense and improve his decision-making — both shot selection and risk management.

But the rebuilding Nets can give him plenty of runway to do so.

A Nets team that already lacked size and traded away starting center Nic Claxton picked up an All-American big man late in the first round Tuesday night, drafting Iowa State's Joshua Jefferson with the 28th pick.

The 6-foot-9, 246-pound Jefferson did a little of everything to lead Iowa State to 29 wins, averaging 16.4 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.8 assists.

The Nets have been lacking the force and physicality that were so on display in the latter rounds of these NBA playoffs — traits Jefferson said he'll provide.

"I think the thing about my game that's going to translate pretty quickly is my physicality," Jefferson said. "The NBA is a physical game right now. You have to be physical in the playoffs to win, and that's what I'm going to bring."

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Mikel Brown Jr.

School: Louisville

Height: 6-foot-4

2025-26 Stats: 18.2 points, 4.4 assists, 3.3 rebounds, 34.4% shooting from 3

What you should know: Could have as much star potential as any guard in this class not named Darryn Peterson. He poured in 45 points against NC State to match Wes Unseld's school record, hitting 10 3-pointers in the game. A back injury and tough shot diet led to inconsistency as a freshman, but Brown joined Stephen Curry and Trae Young as the only players since 2008 to post an assist percentage over 30, shoot 84 percent from the foul line, have a free-throw rate over 35 and take at least 14 3s per 100 possessions. That's impressive company.

Joshua Jefferson

School: Iowa State

Height: 6-foot-9

2025-26 Stats: 16.4 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.8 assists

What you should know: An older prospect, Jefferson was an All-American for the Cyclones in a season that saw him carry Iowa State to 29 wins. His age may theoretically limit his ceiling, but his basketball IQ, size and passing raise his floor.

NEW NET: Mikel Brown Jr. shakes hands with NBA commissioner Adam Silver after being chosen with the sixth pick in Tuesday night's NBA draft.
Jason Szenes

GO SOUTH: St. John's star Zuby Ejiofor became the school's first first-round pick in 14 years.
Charles Wenzelberg / NY Post

Ejiofor gets Hawks call

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Zuby Ejiofor helped St. John's end a number of droughts the past two seasons and he eliminated another one Tuesday night.

Ejiofor, arguably the program's best player this century, became the school's first first-round pick in 14 years, since Maurice Harkless went 15th overall in 2012. The Hawks took the 6-foot-8 Ejiofor 23rd overall, one pick before the Knicks were on the clock. An emotional Ejiofor, in Dallas with family and friends, broke down when he saw his name announced.

The Nigerian-born Ejiofor came a long way in four years, from rarely playing as a freshman at Kansas to developing into one of the premier players in college basketball as a senior at St. John's. Still, going in the first round was a question, with Ejiofor projected to go anywhere from late in the first round to early in the second. Scouts wondered about him being undersized for his position, whether he could make enough shots to be a court-spacer and score inside against bigger defenders.

The Hawks didn't have such concerns.

"Zuby, the guy's a beast. If you guys have seen him play at St. John's, you're talking about a guy that switches one through five, could guard point guards, guard bigs, could guard big wings — like it doesn't really matter," Hawks president of basketball operations Onsi Saleh said after the pick. "With him, we like the high-level processing he has offensively. It's just like he makes the right play every single time. He's a really good passer for his size, giant wingspan. ... This guy is somebody that you see in playoff basketball and he's a guy that fits [us]."

Instead of staying in New York to play for the Knicks, Ejiofor joins one of their Eastern Conference rivals. The Knicks beat the Hawks in six games in the opening round of the playoffs.

Ejiofor joins a quality, on-the-rise franchise with a strong young core on the perimeter featuring Jalen Johnson, Dyson Daniels and fellow first-round pick Kingston Flemings of Houston, who went eighth overall. Ejiofor didn't work out for the Hawks, but he did have a Zoom meeting with them.

In picking Ejiofor, the Hawks gained a lot of fans in Queens. Over the past two years, Ejiofor led St. John's to back-to-back Big East regular-season and postseason crowns. This past March, he helped them reach the Sweet 16 for the first time in 27 years and was the lone high-major player in the country to lead his team in points, rebounds, steals and blocked shots.

Now, he is a first-round draft pick — the 18th to play for Pitino.

NCAA puts limit on eligibility

By RYAN GIANCOLA

The NCAA is moving forward with a major eligibility change.

The governing body's Division I cabinet unanimously approved a five-year, age-based eligibility model Tuesday afternoon, months after calls for the new rule began in April.

Under the new model, college athletes will receive five years of eligibility beginning either in the year they enroll or the year they turn 19.

The change gives colleges and their athletes a clear eligibility model to limit lawsuits for extra years and eliminates the need for redshirts and waivers.

There are only a few ways eligibility could be extended, such as for religious missions, maternity leave or active-duty military service.

The changes will not apply to players who joined college sports before the 2025-26 season. Incoming freshmen can opt into the new model or continue to play under the old rules. All players entering college athletics for the 2027-28 season will adopt the 5-for-5 model.

The NCAA also announced that if players have merit for a waiver, their requests must be submitted before July 31.

"While previous NCAA rules have served college sports well for a long time, we heard also loud and clear from NCAA members and student-athletes that eligibility rules should be easier to understand," NCAA president Charlie Baker said. "This change to an age-based model eliminates aspects of the rules that have proven difficult to administer in the current litigious environment and clearly defines the exceptions available in limited circumstances, while preserving the long-intended alignment of eligibility with typical college enrollment and graduation patterns, because 98 percent of the 550,000 NCAA student-athletes will go pro in something other than sports."

This new rule is designed in part to give the NCAA a clearer eligibility framework and reduce lawsuits it has faced from athletes challenging how their eligibility clocks are counted, including Diego Pavia and Trinidad Chambliss, who have argued that time spent at junior college should not count against their NCAA eligibility.

GOING TO SCHOOL ON

NBA seems to learn from building on NCAA vets

Zach Braziller

THE NBA is a copycat league.

For years, teams tried to replicate the Heat's Big Three by putting superstars together.

Could others follow the Knicks' lead?

Obviously, finding a Jalen Brunson is next to impossible. He's an anomaly, a small guard who dominates with intelligence, grit and an internal drive. But there is something to be said for the type of players the Knicks have.

Guys who were high-level college players and spent at least three years in school. Brunson, Mikal Bridges, Josh Hart, Landry Shamet and Miles McBride all fit that mold.

Maybe the NBA will begin to value production over projection, or at least give experienced and successful college players the benefit of the doubt. It sure seemed that way in the first round of the NBA draft Tuesday night.

Sure, the top picks were almost all one-and-done prospects, led by the Big Three of AJ Dybantsa, Darryn Peterson and Cameron Boozer. The next wave featured more freshmen, from Keaton Wagler and Mikel Brown Jr. to Darius Acuff Jr. and Kingston Flemings.

But national champion Michigan had an experienced trio of Aday Mara, Yaxel Lendeborg and Morez Johnson Jr. who all were gone by the 12th pick. All played at least two years in college. Lendeborg's age of 24 wasn't held against him — the Warriors selected him 12th. Three Big East upperclassmen, Zuby Ejiofor of St. John's and Alex Karaban and Tarris Reed Jr. of Connecticut, all went in the first round, 23rd to the Hawks, 26th to the Spurs and 29th to the Kings, respectively. All three just wrapped up successful college careers in which they improved each season. They were rewarded, just as Iowa guard Bennett Stirtz (16th to the Thunder) and Iowa State forward Joshua Jefferson (28th to the Nets) were.

There is something to be said for internal development. It doesn't have to stop at a certain age. Reed and Ejiofor aren't traditional NBA prospects. Ejiofor is a 6-foot-8 tweener. Reed is an old-school big man. He doesn't shoot 3s or defend well in space. But both have improved immensely over the last year and led their teams to terrific seasons.

Let's go back to Brunson. He won two national championships at Villanova in three seasons and

FIRST-ROUND REWIND: The Post's Zach Braziller breaks down the picks

AJ Dybantsa
Darryn Peterson
Cameron Boozer
Caleb Wilson

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WIZARDS
AJ Dybantsa, F, BYU
The best player in his class since the eighth grade, the 6-foot-9 wing is wired to score. It wouldn't be a surprise to see him lead the league in scoring one day. He's also is an intense competitor.
Grade: A

2

JAZZ
Darryn Peterson, G, Kansas
There is some risk involved, despite Peterson's prodigious talent. He was unreliable in his lone year at Kansas, missing 11 games and good chunks of several second halves due to mysterious injuries.
Grade: A-

3

GRIZZLIES
Cameron Boozer, F, Duke
Boozer will enter the league with a chip on his shoulder. He's the fifth freshman ever to be the consensus National Player of the Year. Three of the other four went No. 1. Only KD went No. 2.
Grade: A

4

BULLS
Caleb Wilson, F, North Carolina
In a regular year, Wilson is a No. 1 pick contender. There isn't a better athlete in this draft than this 6-foot-9 jumping jack who averaged 19.8 points, 9.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists as a freshman.
Grade: A

5

CLIPPERS
Keaton Wagler, G, Illinois
Give me Mikel Brown Jr., Darius Acuff Jr. or Kingston Flemings over Wagler. This pick will age poorly. The Clippers passed on three better players — now and in the future.
Grade: D

6

NETS
Mikel Brown Jr., G, Louisville
I would've gone with Acuf, but as long as Brown's back isn't an issue — and the Nets met with him several times — the shot-making guard has the potential to be a difference-maker in the backcourt.
Grade: B

7

7. KINGS
Darius Acuff Jr., G, Arkansas
The Kings get a steal at No. 7, the second-best guard in this draft after Peterson. Acuff makes difficult shots and can run a team. The Clips and Nets are going to regret passing on the 6-2 playmaker.
Grade: A

8

HAWKS
Kingston Flemings, G, Houston
The young Hawks add a potential two-way dynamo in the Houston guard. A tandem of Flemings and Dyson Daniels is a flat-out scary defensive duo on the perimeter.
Grade: A-

9

MAVERICKS
Morez Johnson Jr., F, Michigan
The Michigan Mavericks. New coach Dusty May is bringing one of his Wolverines with him to Dallas. The 6-9 Johnson profiles as an impact defender and dogged rebounder.
Grade: B+

10

BUCKS
Brayden Burries, G, Arizona
He is ready to contribute immediately and will get plenty of minutes for the rebuilding Bucks. It's hard to argue against a well-coached, two-way player who shot better than expected.
Grade: B

11

WARRIORS
Yaxel Lendeborg, F, Michigan
The Warriors believe they can contend, and the 24-year-old Lendeborg will provide immediate help as a versatile defender, shotmaker and slasher.
Grade: B+

12

THUNDER
Aday Mara, C, Michigan
Welcome to the NBA. Now, go defend Victor Wembanyama, the Thunder's nemesis. The 7-3 center was one of the biggest risers over the past two months and winds up in the back end of the lottery.
Grade: B

KNICKS PLAN

was the consensus National Player of the Year his junior year. Yet he wasn't a first-round pick. There were several players picked ahead of him that are no longer in the NBA, guys who couldn't compare to him at the time, and certainly not now. Despite his accomplishments, he was considered a backup point guard at the next level. Decision-makers dismissed his college success.

Those evaluators couldn't have been more wrong.

Brunson is now the reigning NBA Finals MVP, the leader of the Knicks' first title team in 53 years. Nobody could have predicted Brunson to be this — even his college coach, Jay Wright, admittedly didn't see it — but it shouldn't have taken a psychic to envision him being a quality NBA player.

Winning should matter. Improvement has to count for something. Everyone wants to find the next diamond in the rough, the next Nikola Jokic or Giannis Antetokounmpo, and instead strike out year after year. Sometimes a single is better than swinging for the fences.

Ironically, a prior Knicks regime made the mistake in 2018 with Bridges. They picked an unproven freshman over him that year, Kentucky's Kevin Knox. Knox spent last season in the G-League after getting waived by the Bulls.

I'm not advocating for passing on can't-miss talents like Dybantsa, Peterson or Boozer. I'm not saying Reed or Ejiofor should've been top 10 picks.

But, at any level, success should matter. It typically says something about a player. It certainly did for Brunson and the championship Knicks.

Maybe the rest of the league was paying attention and will begin to value production as much as projection. It seemed to be the case on the first night of the draft.

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TEARS OF JOY: An emotional Yaxel Lendeborg, one of several upperclassmen to go in the first round, hugs his mom after going to the Warriors with the No. 11 pick in the NBA draft. Getty Images

a-from Heat; b-from Grizzlies; c-from Thunder via Grizzlies; d-from Pistons; e-from Knicks; f-from Lakers via Knicks; g-from Nuggets; h-from Cavaliers; i-from Knicks via Mavs

13

BUCKS-a
Nate Ament, F, Tennessee
This is the swing I was talking about. The 6-foot-10 Ament needs to get stronger and be more efficient, but he has the length and shotmaking prowess teams covet on the wing.
Grade: A

15

BULLS
Dailyn Swain, F, Texas
Loved the Bulls' first pick of Wilson. Not nearly as high on this one. Swain is a wing who doesn't shoot well. He's a slasher who will have to defend at a very high level to be a major contributor.
Grade: C+

17

PISTONS
Ebuka Okorie, G, Stanford
The Pistons are after offensive firepower to lighten the load on Cade Cunningham. Okorie, just 6-1, makes sense with that in mind. But he's going to have to improve as a 3-point shooter.
Grade: C+

19

RAPTORS
Allen Graves, F, Santa Clara
Stretch four with an advanced feel for the game. Has offensive hub and glue guy potential. His ability to space the floor makes him a frontcourt fit next to Scottie Barnes.
Grade: B+

21

GRIZZLIES-d
Karim López, F, New Zealand Breakers
Memphis now has an intriguing forward tandem with Boozer and López. The hard-playing, physical López has elite athleticism that can make him into an upper-echelon defender.
Grade: B

23

HAWKS
Zuby Ejiofor, F, St. John's
The Hawks have just gained a lot of fans in Queens. The gritty Ejiofor, arguably the best Johnnie this century, becomes the school's first first-round pick in 14 years, since Moe Harkless in 2012.
Grade: B+

25

MAVERICKS-f
Sergio De Larrea, G, Valencia Basket
Big point guard at 6-6 who is a potential draft-and-stash. Highly regarded European prospect who is only 20 years old. The Knicks initially made the pick before sending it to the Mavs.
Grade: B

27

CELTICS
Chris Cenac Jr., C, Houston
The 6-10 forward didn't have the freshman year many expected and fell in the draft, nearly out of the first round. Still has the measurables, namely in his 7-5 wingspan, that teams desire.
Grade: C

29

KINGS-h
Alex Karaban, F, Connecticut
Karaban can make shots and space the floor, but defending wings at the next level will be a very tall task for him. He's a limited athlete.
Grade: D

14

HORNETS
Hannes Steinbach, F, Washington
Charlotte fills a major need with the nation's leading rebounder (11.8). The German native notched 22 double-doubles a year ago, tied for the most in the country.
Grade: B

16

THUNDER-b
Bennett Stirtz, G, Iowa
The Thunder moved up a spot, sending the Grizzlies two second-round picks and No. 17 overall, to get the Iowa combo guard. The sharpshooting Stirtz can play on and off the ball.
Grade: B

18

HORNETS
Christian Anderson, G, Texas Tech
is a lights-out shooter who improved considerably as a playmaker this past season. Prediction: Years from now, we're going to wonder how he wasn't a lottery pick.
Grade: A

20

SPURS
Jayden Quaintance, C, Kentucky
If the surgically repaired knee is right, this is a steal. The rim-protecting, rebounding athlete can play alongside Victor Wembanyama or back him up.
Grade: B+

22

76ERS
Labaron Philon Jr., G, Alabama
Fantastic pick. Home run. One of the premier guards in the country joins one of the best young backcourts in the NBA. Philon with VJ Edgecombe and Tyrese Maxey is an explosive trio.
Grade: A

24

LAKERS-e
Cameron Carr, G, Baylor
Springy wing with in-the-arena range. Needs to get stronger and improve defensively but has the ability to be a microwave scorer. The Lakers were smart to move up for him.
Grade: A-

26

SPURS-g
Tarris Reed Jr., C, Connecticut
The Spurs aren't messing around with their big-man depth. First was Quaintance and now Reed, an old-school big, a back-to-the-basket player who has made strides as a defender and rebounder.
Grade: B

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NETS
Joshua Jefferson, F, Iowa State
One of my favorite players in this draft. Does everything well as a versatile 6-foot-8 forward. Most of all, he is used to winning and will impact the Nets in a positive manner. He's a culture builder.
Grade: A

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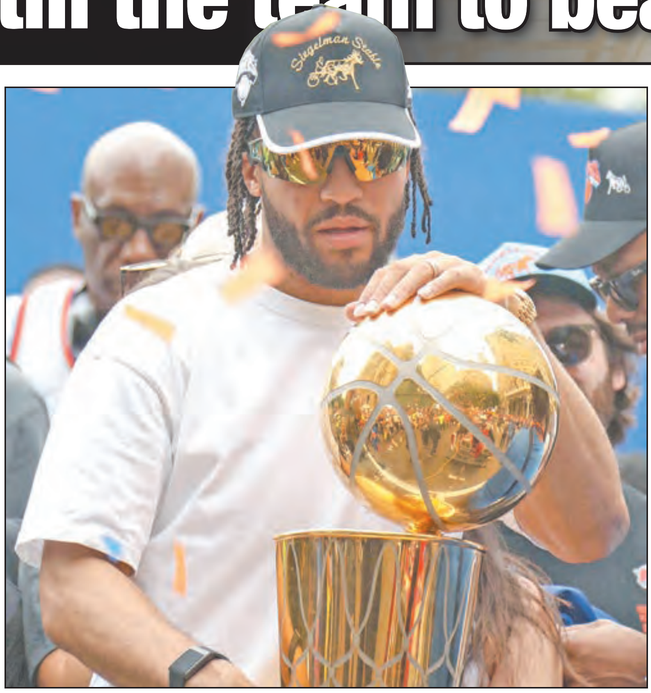
SUNS-i
Koa Peat, F, Arizona
So, the Suns traded into the first round for a shooting-challenged forward who doesn't profile as much of a defender and should've stayed in school? Yikes.
Grade: F

NO NEED TO FREAK OUT

Giannis makes Heat better, but reigning champs still the team to beat in East



Stefan Bondy

IN THE most ideal of Knicks worlds, Giannis Antetokounmpo is traded to some meh team in the Western Conference.

Send him to Houston or the Lakers. Watch him battle for the No. 3 seed while mashing with Nikola Jokic, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Victor Wembanyama.

But given how the Greek Freak Show ultimately unfolded, it's still a positive for the defending champs.

The Heat, with Knicks old friend Pat Riley still steering the Carnival Cruise ship, agreed to deal a boatload of draft picks and young players — headlined by Tyler Herro — for Antetokounmpo on Monday night.

They outbid the Celtics, who reportedly offered Jaylen Brown in a trade but only succeeded in raising Miami's offer.

For the Knicks, the good news is Antetokounmpo isn't going to Boston.

Although the Celtics bombed in the first round of the playoffs (how in the world did they lose to the Sixers?), they're still a top threat in the East with championship potential. An Antetokounmpo-Jayson Tatum pairing would have been potent.

But the Celtics not only lost out on the best player on the market, they potentially fractured the relationship with Brown, a star with enough diva tendencies to take this very personally.

Sure, the 29-year-old could still return to the Celtics and rekindle that magic with Tatum from 2024. But it's certainly fathomable Brown played his last game for the Celtics, and there's not a single player available who is better than Antetokounmpo.

Not Kawhi Leonard. Not LeBron James. Not Kevin Durant or Alperen Sengun.

So the Celtics are reeling because they understand they're not good enough to beat the Knicks, and that has to be satisfying because the Knicks, not too long ago, were built to beat the Celtics.

Brown, in particular, took joy in needling the Knicks and their fans. He so badly wanted to be the villain at MSG. Now he's being offered in trades while the Knicks bathe in champagne. It's almost as big of a retrospective Knicks victory as Julius Randle being traded to the Nets. Seven years ago, Randle was New York's consolation prize in free agency after Durant and Kyrie Irving went to Brooklyn.

Durant and Irving were flops, sending the Nets into a tailspin. Randle elevated the Knicks into respectability but also needed to be traded for Jalen Brunson and Karl-Anthony Towns to lift NYC to its first NBA title since Richard Nixon was in the White House.

Now Randle's gonna try to elevate the sad-sack Nets into respectability after being acquired from the Timberwolves in a salary-dump trade.

Oooohh, the irony.

These are the type of wins appropriate only for a champion. Still, as mentioned above, the Giannis trade wasn't a total win for the Knicks.

The Heat may have been underwhelming for a few years, but they still have the best coach in the NBA. Erik Spoelstra has turned dirty tap water into wine (Hassan Whiteside, Dion Waiters, Tyler Johnson). He got to the Finals twice with Jimmy Butler as the best player.

Giving Spoelstra a weapon like Antetokounmpo could very well unlock a powerhouse. But the Heat also aren't very good. They didn't give up much talent in the trade — Herro is overrated — and still don't have a lot to put around Antetokounmpo other than Bam Adebayo.

Antetokounmpo's massive upgrade is from Doc Rivers to Spoelstra. It's significant but also a potential conundrum for Antetokounmpo, who is accustomed to running an organization with his brothers tagging behind.

In Miami, supposedly, the culture is king and nobody — not even LeBron — is above the coach. We'll see if that holds up when Giannis arrives.

Either way, the dust finally settled on the longest trade saga in recent memory and the following can be declared:

The Heat got better. The Celtics are messy. The Knicks are still the favorite to win the Eastern Conference.

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STILL THE BEST: Milwaukee finally traded Giannis Antetokounmpo, with the star forward landing in Miami. Though he makes the Heat a better team, Jalen Brunson (left) and the NBA champion Knicks are the team to beat, writes The Post's Stefan Bondy. Getty Images; ZUMAPress

Knicks make deals to get out of draft's first round

By JARED SCHWARTZ

The champions avoided the first round but had to work to do so.

It was expected that Knicks president Leon Rose would trade the No. 24 pick in Tuesday's first round of the NBA draft to avoid taking on first-round salary. And that's what happened, though it required a few moves to get it done.

The Knicks initially traded the No. 24 pick to the Lakers and moved one slot later, to No. 25, in exchange for cash considerations. The Knicks picked Spanish youngster Sergio De Larrea at that pick, and it seemed like a potential stash option that would allow them to come out of the night with talent for the future but avoid adding salary for next season.

But after the first round was completed, the Knicks sent De Larrea to the Mavericks in exchange for No. 30 pick Koa Peat and two second-round picks. Then they made one more move, sending Peat to the Suns for three second-rounders and cash.

So after a series of three trades, Rose moved the Knicks out of the first round and left with five additional second-rounders and cash. And they accomplished their goal of avoiding any first-round salary without having to attach any capital to get rid of that No. 24 pick, which some thought they might have to.

The No. 47 pick is one of the second-rounders the Knicks got from the Suns. So now the Knicks have Nos. 31, 47 and 55 on Wednesday to either add cheaper talent or continue dealing for future picks.

Second-round picks usually sign for much less than first-rounders and, unlike first-round picks, don't automatically sign guaranteed contracts.

The No. 24 pick — who ended up being Cameron Carr — is slotted to make roughly $3.5 million for his rookie season. If the Knicks envisioned that pick as someone who would be a reserve — like their ninth, 10th or 11th man — it didn't make sense to have to pay that much. They can find players on veteran minimum deals to fill those roles.

The Knicks have limited space to stay under the second apron — which owner James Dolan recently said he wishes to avoid, though it's to be determined if that desire becomes reality. They are already bringing back Mohamed Diawara on a multi-year deal worth $10 million, The Post's Stefan Bondy confirmed. And they have multiple free agents of their own to make decisions on — namely Mitchell Robinson, Landry Shamet and Jordan Clarkson along with less important ones like Ariel Hukporti and Jeremy Sochan. Jose Alvarado has a $4.5 million player option, too.

Not counting Diawara — since his annual salary is not yet known — the Knicks will be roughly $16.5 million under the second apron if Alvarado opts in. So, figure a few million lower than that once Diawara's deal is made official.

That number would have been around $13 million under the second apron if they stayed at No. 24, made that pick and signed that player. Alvarado's decision could change that as well.

Tuesday's decision continued the trend of the Knicks trading away their first-round picks. Pacôme Dadiet — whom they picked at No. 25 in 2024 — remains the only first-round pick they made and kept since 2020.

St. John's star Zuby Ejiofor went right before the Knicks — at No. 23 to the Hawks — to prevent any chance for him to stay in the city in which he is so popular. UConn center Tarris Reed Jr. — who could have been a potential replacement for Robinson as a backup center if he leaves in free agency — was available and went at No. 26 to the Spurs.

But finances were front of mind for the Knicks. Their intention was clear.

The end result Tuesday was what was largely expected. It just took a series of complicated maneuvers to get there.

LOTS OF MOVING PARTS: Leon Rose traded the No. 24 pick to the Lakers for the No. 25 pick, which he used to take Spanish teen Sergio De Larrea (below right). The Knicks president then sent De Larrea to Dallas for No. 30 pick Koa Pea (below left), who was then shipped to the Suns for three second-rounders.

AP; Getty Images (2)

Aces coach admits she was 'wrong' about Jalen

By MADELINE KENNEY

LAS VEGAS — Aces coach Becky Hammon opened her pregame news conference Tuesday by clearing the air.

"I was wrong," Hammon said about her poorly aged Jalen Brunson take. "My opinion was wrong."

Hammon sees no reason to apologize for her 2023 claim that Brunson wasn't a "1A" star.

In fact, she happily offered Knicks fans one more thing to get worked up about after the Aces shootaround earlier that day. But Hammon did acknowledge that Brunson showed "he was that 1A dude" while leading the Knicks to their first championship in 53 years.

"Jalen, all he did was prove history wrong, he proves he's an outlier," Hammon said. "So you can put his name next to Steph Curry and Isiah Thomas, and I thought he played brilliantly, especially down the stretch.

"I mean, he was that 1A dude. But apologize, I'm never gonna apologize for having an opinion. That's what ESPN pays me for."

Hammon, a former Spurs assistant coach, caught flak throughout the NBA playoffs for her infamous comments on Brunson. On an episode of ESPN's "NBA Today," Hammon said the 6-foot-2 Brunson was too small to be the lead star on a championship team.

"If your best player is small, you're not winning," Hammon said then.

When the Knicks got on a roll during the playoffs, Hammon doubled down on her stance.

"I'm speaking historically on the NBA with what I said," Hammon said in May. "I don't know why everybody's so stuck on that. I said it two years ago, I stand by it. There's no air to be cleared. I said what I said.

"[If] he proves me wrong, he proves me wrong. Good for him."

That's exactly what Brunson ultimately did en route to being named 2026 Finals MVP.

"I don't really care," Hammon said. "When I made the comment ... I didn't think it would be a thing. ... Anybody that puts it, anything other than in an analytical and historical take never understood the comment anyways. And like I said, what he proved is he's an outlier, put his name next to Stephen Curry and Isiah Thomas as a 1A dude to get a championship for their team, and New York should enjoy the s--t out of it."

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"Finnegan's Foursome" (VOD) is for golf diehards only, no ifs, ands or putts about it. For the rest of us, though, the joys in this film are meager.

OUR CALL: SKIP IT

WHAT TO WATCH

"Alone" (History) remains the most singular and singularly difficult-to-win unicorn in a crowded field of reality competitions. Watch as Season 13 drops 10 more people trained for this kind of thing into unforgiving conditions – and then watch as they are promptly challenged in ways they never expected. That $500,000 "Alone" grand prize might be the hardest money to win in reality television.

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GOOD GRIEF

Christina Alexandra Voros says 'The Madison' has 'made a lot of people feel seen'

By KAREN KEMMERLE

WireImage

Left: Christina Alexandra Voros. Below left: Will Arnett and Michelle Pfeiffer in "The Madison." Below: Pfeiffer.

Christina Alexandra Voros is one of the hardest working women in streaming, and it's about time the industry noticed. As one of Taylor Sheridan's most trusted collaborators, Voros has worked her way up from a B camera operator on **"Yellowstone"** to a director/executive producer on both **"The Madison"** and **"Dutton Ranch"** in just six short years. "I know my trajectory has been really unique," said Voros. "I pinch myself every day." Even after proving herself within the industry tenfold, Voros remains humble, crediting her success to Sheridan's special talent of seeing people's true potential. "He knows when to push people into the deep end—sometimes before they even know that they're ready—because he knows that they're ready," said Voros.

Voros' rise within the SheridanVerse is due to her uncanny eye, her ability to draw raw performances from her cast, and her capacity to collaborate with hundreds of crew members on a daily basis. Voros' full array of talent is on display in "The Madison," Sheridan's latest series that follows the Clyburn family—led by Michelle Pfeiffer's Stacy—after the death of their patriarch, Preston (Kurt Russell). They leave the wilds of Manhattan and head to Montana to grieve Preston in his favorite place.

Oddly enough, Voros' own journey mirrors Stacy's in some ways. "I grew up in Boston. I lived in New York for 15 years. I met my husband from West Texas on a movie set. I moved to a tiny little town about 20 miles from the Mexican border," said Voros. "I experienced firsthand what it is to fall in love with landscape and be forced to reckon with myself." Drawing on her real-life experience, Voros was able to seamlessly transfer the Clyburns' story from page to screen. "At its very purest form, this story is something that I have lived," said Voros.

Even though Voros had full faith in Sheridan's vision, she still was surprised by the series' overwhelmingly positive reception. 8 million viewers watched "The Madison" during its first 10 days, which marked the biggest original series launch yet for a Sheridan show on Paramount+. "It was so different from anything Taylor had done," said Voros. "We would joke that it's an entire season of television where nothing really happens except people having feelings for each other." However, Voros recognizes that "grief is a universal thing," noting that people in her own life have reached out to her to share their experiences. "'The Madison' has made a lot of people feel seen and understood," said Voros.

DECIDER: "The Madison" is centered around a powerful family like the Duttons, but it still feels like a departure for Taylor Sheridan. Its depictions of grief are so raw and real. What did he tell you about the impetus for the series?

CHRISTINA ALEXANDRA VOROS: We didn't talk a lot about the origin story of "The Madison," but I knew from the moment I started reading the scripts that he was drawing on a narrative that had to be personal on some level. To do a story about grief justice, you have to be able to draw on your own experience.

Just look at Michelle's or Beau Garrett's performance. These actors had to access really intense emotions from difficult times in their lives. When you have writing that asks that of you, it's scary. However, it's an easier risk to take because you know that the person who has written the story is drawing from a place that is real and grounded.

Obviously, Season 2 of "The Madison" has already been filmed. What are you excited for viewers to see in the Clyburn family's next chapter?

Viewers have spent the first season falling in love with these characters and being inspired by their strength and their resilience and their humor. Grief changes us, but it doesn't change everything about us. There are elements of all of the characters' personalities that will continue to come together and come apart as they navigate the next stage of their relationships with this place.

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TRENDING NOW

Peacock's upcoming series **"The Five Star Weekend,"** based on **Elin Hilderbrand**'s (left) 2023 novel, has also spawned a podcast hosted by the author. The first two episodes of **"The Five Star Weekend Official Podcast"** drop on July 9, coinciding with the new series' release.

WHAT'S NEW

BRITBOX

"**A Woman of Substance**," a series adaptation of Barbara Taylor Bradford's novel (left).

ON NETFLIX

"**The American Experiment**," a historical docuseries.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

ADVENTURE

Gladiator: 7 p.m. on AMC. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. A former General sets out to exact vengeance against the emperor who murdered his family.

THRILLER

The Dark Knight Rises: 9:40 p.m. on PARMT. Christian Bale, Gary Oldman. Bruce Wayne comes out of hiding and don't the cape and cowl of Batman again.

ACTION

Bad Boys: Ride or Die: 10:30 p.m. on FX. Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. Miami cops Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett embark on a dangerous mission.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies 🟥 Sports 🟩 New 🟨

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Harlan Coben's Final Twist: Gambler's Debt (R)		NCIS: Gone Girls (R)		NCIS: Sydney: South of Nowhere (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	Access Hollywood	Brilliant Minds: The Hero's Journey		Chicago Fire: Carry a Torch (R)		Chicago P.D.: Impulse Control (R)		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	(5:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: Brazil at Scotland from Miami Stadium. Live.			FIFA World Cup Live.	(8:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: Mexico at Czechia from Mexico City Stadium. Live.					The 10 O'Clock News	
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune: Paul Walter Hauser (R)		(9:01) Shifting Gears	(9:31) Shifting Gears	Shifting Gears: Job (R)	Shifting Gears: Grief	News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Dateline		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Dateline	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Mets Pre Game Live.	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets from Citi Field. Live.						New York Nightcap	PIX11 News at Ten	New York Nightcap	Seinfeld: The Package
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour		Nature: American Horses (R)		NOVA: Ancient Desert Death Trap (R)		The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Antiques Roadshow (R)		TURN: Washington's		Underground		Independent Lens (R)		BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Energy Swi	Brooklyn	Her B Idea	The NYC F	Feet	Bric tv BM	Eat Harlem	$9.99 R ★★½	Neighbor	New York	Secrets NY
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47 WNJU	47	16	12	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026 Directo.			Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: Mexico vs Czechia. Directo.					Todo el Mundial Directo.	
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AMC	54	43	231	Lost World	Gladiator (2000, Drama) Russell Crowe. R ★★★★							GoodFellas (1990) Robert De Niro. ★★★★		
BBCAM	71	101	189	Misery ★★★½	Stand by Me (1986, Drama) Wil Wheaton. R ★★★½				The Lost Boys (1987, Horror) Corey Feldman. R ★★★				Criminal Minds	
BET	37	54	270	Browns	Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Tyler Perry's The Oval		Gangster: Trap Queens		OG Stories	The Oval
BRAVO	18	44	185	The Valley	The Valley (R)		The Valley		Next Gen NYC		Watch What	(10:45) The Valley: Liked and Loaded		
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		WNBA Basketball Live.			
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	Family Guy
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DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)	Mother (R)
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	SportsCenter		NBA Draft						SportsCenter with Scott	
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FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		Made in America		American	American	American	American	American	American
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FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		100 Cooks		100 Cooks	
FREE	38	49	199	(4:15) Cruella (2021) ★★★		(7:25) Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon.					Million Dollar Nannies		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	(6:00) 2026 FIFA World Cup Live.			FIFA World Cup Live.		2026 FIFA World Cup Live.				FIFA World	First
FX	10	40	53	Mission: Impossible - Fallout (2018)			Bad Boys: Ride or Die (2024, Action) Will Smith. R ★★★					Bad Boys: Ride or Die (2024) R ★★★		
HALL		191	240	Lost in Paradise (2026) Lacey Chabert.			The Love Heist (2026, Romance) Lyndsy Fonseca.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	100 Day	Fixer Upper: Old Friend		Fixer Upper: Making New		Fixer Upper		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
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ID	23	171	123	The Tapes	The Murder Tapes		See No Evil		48 Hours on ID		Case Paula Zahn		Case Paula Zahn	
LIFE	62	45	140	Rizzoli	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(10:03) Rizzoli & Isles		(11:03) Rizzoli & Isles	
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MSG	27	87	78	United	UFA		FIFA 2026		USL Soccer Live.				Coaches Corner	
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(5:00) NHL	4th & For	4th & For	The Wager	The Wager	NHL Hockey Replay.				NHL Hockey Replay.	
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
NATGEO	65	162	121	Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)		To Catch a Smuggler (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) The Dark Knight (2008, Action) Christian Bale, Michael Caine. PG-13 ★★★★						(9:40) The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action) Christian Bale. ★★★★				
SNY	26	60	77	Cyn Heroes	Mets Specials		Broadway Boxing: Broadway Boxing 2402				Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Jurassic	Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017, Action) Tom Holland. PG-13 ★★★½						Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017) Tom Holland. ★★★½			
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite: Dynamite 6/24/2026				Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	Street Scene (1931) Sylvia Sidney. ★★★½			The Andromeda Strain (1971) Arthur Hill. G ★★½				(10:15) On the Beach (1959, Drama) Gregory Peck.			
TLC	52	28	139	Doctors	Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme (R)		The Face Doctors		The Face Doctors	
TNT	3	37	51	The Lord of the Rings		Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (2023, Action) Jason Momoa. ★★½					Aquaman (2018, Action) Jason Momoa. PG-13 ★★★			
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Raymond: Cookies		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) 9-1-1	WNBA Wed	WNBA Basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Indiana Fever. Live.					WNBA Basketball Live.			
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	The Brothers (2001, Comedy) Morris Chestnut. R ★★½				Johnson Family Vacation (2004) PG-13 ★½			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: The Inside Man		NCIS: Good Cop, Bad		NCIS: Code of Conduct		NCIS: Outlaws In-Laws		NCIS: Endgame	
YES	53	89	76	My Number	Breaking	Breaking	Sportico	Bronx Beat		Postgame	Yankees	Homegrown	BK Show	Talkin'
HBO	511	301	400	(5:32) Midsommar (2019, Horror) R ★★★½			House of the Dragon (R)		A Good Day to Die Hard (2013, Action) Bruce Willis. R				(10:52) Pillion (2026)	
MAX	531	371	420	X-Men: First Class (2011)		(7:50) Tomb Raider (2018, Action) Alicia Vikander. ★★★				(9:48) Horizon: An American Saga - Chapter 1 (2024, Western) R				
MGM Plus	595		395	Button ★★★½	From: The Calm Before		Dreamgirls (2006, Musical) Jamie Foxx. PG-13 ★★★				Finding Neverland (2004, Drama) Johnny Depp. ★★★½			
PARSHO	551	321	365	Top Gun	The Godfather (1972, Crime) Marlon Brando. R ★★★★						The Godfather: Part II (1974, Drama) Al Pacino. ★★★★			

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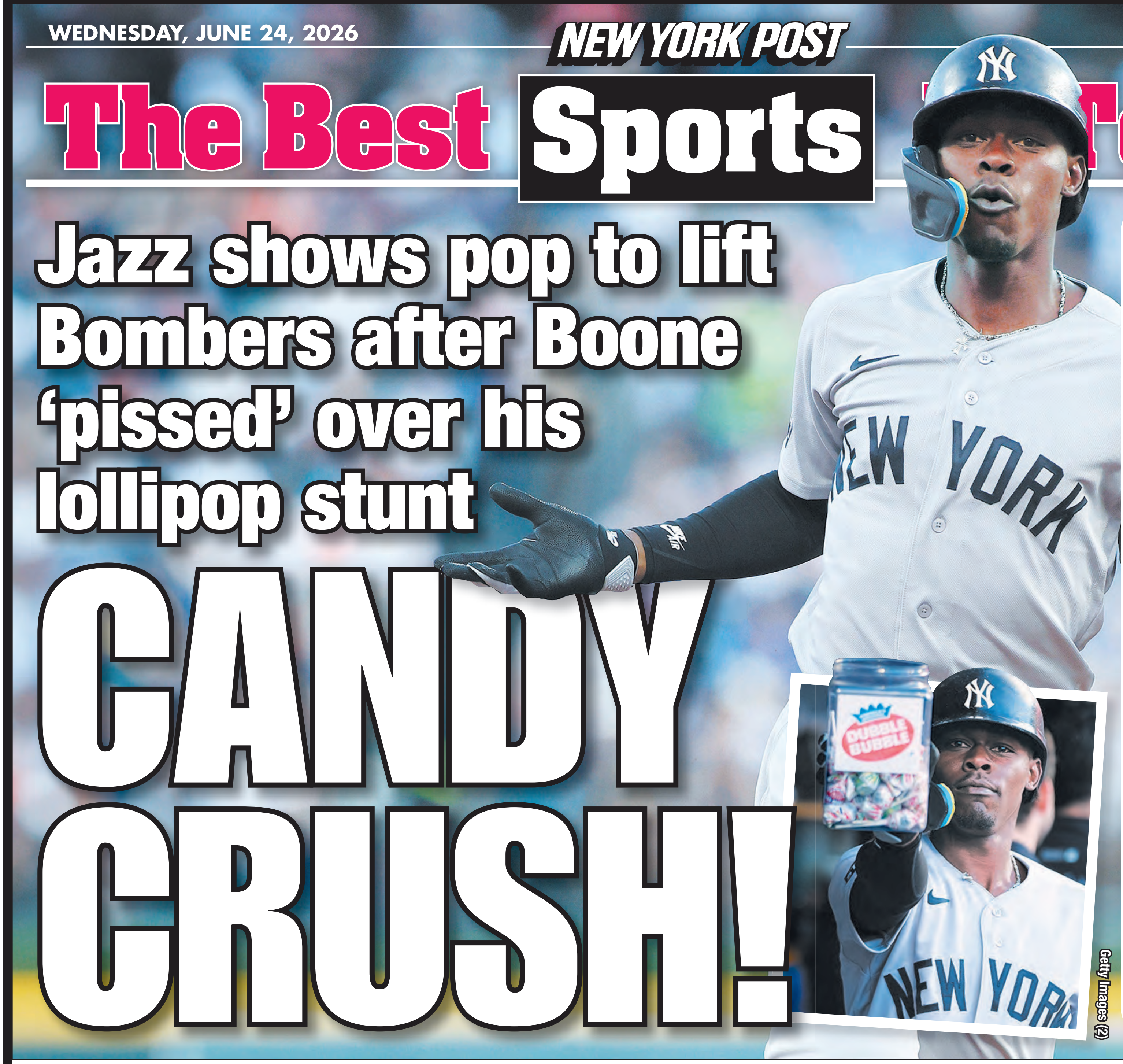

Jazz shows pop to lift Bombers after Boone 'pissed' over his lollipop stunt

CANDY CRUSH!

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Jazz Chisholm Jr. circles the bases after his tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning of the Yankees' 4-3 win over the Tigers. He celebrated with a container of lollipops — hours after Aaron Boone said he was "pissed" Chisholm was sucking on a lollipop out in the field a night earlier. **PAGES 70-71**

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